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# MEAT FACTORY BRINGS 80 JOBS

**FOOD group Tulip has opened a new meat factory in Wednesbury in a move which has created 80 new jobs.**

The company has invested £2.3 million at the 3,000 sq m site off the Black Country New Road in the town. Some of the jobs have been given to people who are relocating from its doomed Freshway site in Wolverhampton.

Freshway is to close at the end of next month.

**Report by John Corser**

The new unit will produce barbecue, slow cooked and pulled meat products to meet growing demand for 'street' food and American dishes.

Chief Executive Chris Thomas said: "It is always good news when you are able to create additional jobs and the opening of this new facility in Wednesbury really serves to underline Tulip's commitment to investing in growth areas."

### American

Tulip announced in March that 208 jobs were being axed at its Wolverhampton site after it failed to win a new contract to keep supplying sandwiches to The Foodservice Centre.

Mr Thomas said: "The emergence of 'street food' and the influence of American cuisine such as shredded and pulled meats have been really big news over the past 12 months and Tulip has been leading the way in bringing this type of product to a wider market. .

"The opening of the Wednesbury facility enables us to meet the rise in demand from both our retail and food service customers for slow cooked and pulled products, and gives us valuable capacity that will enable us, in partnership with HFR Foods, to bring further new and innovative products to market."

The group said it would be economically unsustainable to keep the Wolverhampton site running.

It had been a family business for nearly 65 years, when it was taken over by Parkam Foods in 2009 after it went into administration. Parkam, and Freshway, were then bought by Tulip in 2011.

It has installed new preparation equipment and large scale smoking ovens at the new site. Tulip said that the number employed at the Wednesbury factory is expected to increase further as volume of sales grows.

The group is also continuing to see a rise in demand for its more traditional fresh pork products such as joints, chops and mince, having secured additional orders from customers at its nearby production facility at George Henry Road, Tipton, where it employs around 800 people

Tulip has 18 fresh and cooked meat sites across the UK, employing more than 8,000. It is owned by the Danish Crown group, which is the largest pork producer in Europe and the biggest exporter of pork in the world.

## Club under fire in Astle poster row

Jeff Astle's daughters Claire, right, with the poster and Dawn at the Jeff Astle gate

THE daughter of West Bromwich Albion legend Jeff Astle said she is 'absolutely disgusted' with the club for failing to fully support a tribute to her father at the final home game of the season.

Thousands of King Astle number nine posters are going to be handed out to fans turning up to Sunday's match against Stoke at the Hawthorns. The club is allowing organisers to hand them out outside the ground, but not inside the turnstilesFans wanted them to be a mark of respect to the forward, who died from brain damage aged 59.

The news has angered Mr Astle's daughter Claire, aged 35, who feels the club could have shown more support. On Twitter, she wrote: "Absolutely disgusted with @WBAFCofficial for not allowing fans entry into East & SME areas to hand out the 'Jeff Astle 9' cards. Quick to make money off my dad's memory in the club shop but not so quick to support something that doesn't make them any profit."

West Bromwich Albion's chief executive Mark Jenkins said: "With Sunday's match being the final game of the season, and a sell-out crowd expected, enabling supporters to access and exit the stadium as quickly as possible has to be of paramount importance.

"We never allow anything to be handed out on the concourses as it could impact the flow of supporters coming through the turnstiles."

## Takeaway boss jailed over mice in kitchen

THE owner of a mouse-infested West Bromwich Chinese takeaway has been jailed for six months following an investigation by Sandwell Council.

Vu Van Lu was jailed after environmental health officers found mice in the kitchen of Yummy House in Greets Green Road – the third time poor food hygiene was discovered at the premises. A mouse scurried across the floor in front of shocked environmental health officers who also found droppings, when they visited on a routine food hygiene inspection in December 2012. Six mice were caught in the kitchen by a pest control company.

Van Lu had previously been taken to court for poor hygiene at the takeaway in 2009 resulting in a 30 week prison sentence, suspended for two years.

Sandwell Council's Environmental Health Manager Richard Norton said: "The standards in the kitchen at Yummy House were totally unacceptable and Mr Van Lu knew this."

Van Lu pleaded guilty to three charges relating to the condition of the takeaway.

Recorder Millington QC, sitting at Wolverhampton Crown Court, also ordered him to pay £2,500 within 12 months.

## Cinderella cast invite

A NEW amateur dramatics company in Tipton is searching for new members to stage a production of Cinderella later this year.

The group, based in Brook Street, Tipton, needs new male and female members of all ages to sign up.

Cinderella will be held at Brook Street Community Centre at the end of the year. The group meets for rehearsals every Wednesday between 8.30pm and 10pm. For details call Sam on 07884 192233 or Emma on 07445 020556.

## £57m is set aside to warm up homes

AROUND £57 million will be spent by Sandwell Council on home improvements over the next decade so families do not have to choose 'between heating and eating'.

The money has been set aside under the authority's ambitions to provide 'affordable warmth' for families.

Plans could include replacement of electric storage heaters with gas central heating, installing double glazing in council homes, one-off boiler replacements and external wall insulation.

A report into the efficiency of providing energy from photovoltaic cells – advanced solar panels – is also under consideration.

Phil Deery, asset manager of homes and communities department, stated in a report to be considered by a tenant review panel this week that nationally there were regular reports of families having to make the choice between heating and eating.

Figures in December revealed one in three households in the borough was living in fuel poverty, which is worse than other parts of the country.

While it is still not certain what money will be available, the authority has decided to fast track improvements.

## New Square tenants hope

SIX new businesses for the New Square Shopping Centre in West Bromwich are set to be announced in the next fortnight.

Centre manager Steve Burr said the tenants, including shops and places to eat, were expected to take eight units.

It follows the centre's most successful month for visitor numbers since its opening last July. In April a record 475,000 shoppers visited the centre's shops, restaurants and cafes.

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# Tragic Jessica's mother calls for action

Jessica with her mother Marie

IT is every mother's nightmare. Marie Evans had to watch helplessly as her 'bright and bubbly' 22-year-old daughter Jessica succumbed to cervical cancer.

The mother-of-one was diagnosed in April 2013 and died this Februarr.

And her dying wish was that no other young woman have to endure what she went through during her 10-month battle.

Marie, aged 46, of Harvington Road, Oldbury, has launched an e-petition calling on the Government to allow under-25s showing symptoms of cancer to be given the choice of having a smear test.

Routine screenings are not carried out on women under that age. Jessica was refused such a test by doctors nine times because of her age.

The issue was discussed in Parliament after the death of 19-year-old Sophie Jones, from Eastham, under similar circumstances.

It followed an e-petition set up in Sophie's memory. MPs have agreed to discuss the issue further. Marie, who is also a supporter of that campaign, said it had been a 'step in the right direction'.

And her own campaign, called Fight for Jessica, is also gathering support with the retail worker set to hold meetings with MPs, including Warley MP John Spellar.

"Jessica was very bubbly and lit up the while room just while being there," she said.

"I had to watch while my beautiful daughter deteriorated."

# Social club site sale to boost council coffers

**A FORMER social club in West Bromwich has been deemed surplus to requirements and will be sold off to boost council coffers under new plans.**

Sandwell Council bosses are considering proposals for the future of the former Bromford Lane Social Club and car park in Coyne Road after the premises shut last year.

It followed the going into administration and has remained vacant since then.

The council is looking at selling the freehold for the site, which its says would be 'attractive redevelopment opportunity'.

One of the options being looked at was renting out the building as a licensed social club. But the council said a rental valuation would be needed by an external specialist who had not been commissioned 'largely due to the costs and timescales involved'.

A report, which went before members of the authority's asset management and land disposal cabinet committee, said since being vacated, there had been some interest in running the premises as a social club from outside parties.

The council has said if the property was to be retained for leasing purposes, repair work may need to be carried out on the building. Bosses said the site had not yet been actively marketed.

The report, written by directors including regeneration boss Nick Bubalo says: "The site does however offer an attractive redevelopment opportunity,, and sits on a main arterial route into West Bromwich town centre. The freehold disposal would generate a capital receipt, provide a solution for an under-utilised asset and bring forward redevelopment within the locality."

## Arrests in rogue trade crackdown

TWO men were arrested and had their van seized in a crackdown on rogue traders operating in Halesowen, which saw more than 50 vehicles stopped.

Police teamed up with trading standard and customs officers in the car park of Wickes DIY, Mucklow Hill.

During the operation, two men, aged 29 and 30, were arrested on suspicion of the theft of a set of number plates. They also face questions over petrol thefts.

Two vehicles were also seized. One motorist did not have insurance, while the other had offences on the driving licence.

Police also checked if any vehicles were using red diesel, an agricultural fuel which is cheaper than normal fuel but is only meant to be used in farming machinery such as tractors.

During the day, between 10am and 4pm, 55 vehicles were stopped police said.

Sgt Martin Hall said it was one of a series of operations in the Halesowen area to clamp down on rogue traders.

Signs are being installed to warn rogue traders they will be reported if they 'cold

## Gabriel's guide dog initiative

Gabriel Dhillon-Powell and fellow pupils with charity visitor Carol Trigg and her dog Flora

AN ENTREPRENEURIAL young boy has collected a host of signed celebrity memorabilia to raise cash for a good cause.

Nine-year-old Gabriel Dhillon-Powell has managed to gather signed photographs and books from the likes of Sir Alex Ferguson, The Saturdays, Wayne Rooney and David Walliams to raffle off to his classmates and their families next week.

The year four pupil at Langley Primary School has been working hard on the initiative to raise money for the Guide Dogs charity. His class teacher, Vicky Raid, said: "There's so much commitment and dedication from him, every morning he tells me he's got something new.

"I'm working closely with him and his dad Paul too, so we've got a really good team effort going at the moment.

"Last year Gabriel did a similar thing for the Midlands Air Ambulance."

Last week charity volunteer Carol Trigg visited the school to talk about how much her guide dog had changed their life.

# Festival to show off city's top talent

A FESTIVAL showcasing the brightest emerging talent in the arts and creative culture is to take place across Birmingham.

Inspired, which is hosted by Birmingham City University, is a series of summer performances, exhibitions and workshops highlighting the wealth of creative talent being nurtured and developed in the region. The six-week festival will shine a spotlight on budding artists, actors, designers, writers and musicians from Birmingham City University.

Professor Cliff Allan, university vice chancellor, said: "From jewellery to fashion design, photography to music, typography to acting, and technology to manufacturing, Inspired will illustrate the university's commitment to establishing the cultural icons of the future."

Running from May 22 to June 28, Inspired will feature a range of music and literature performances, fashion shows, theatre productions, art, media and technology exhibitions as well as elements of Birmingham Made Me – an annual celebration of the city's design and manufacturing heritage. For more information, visit www.bcu.ac.uk/inspired.

## Watson hits out at HS2

MP West Bromwich East, Tom Watson, says he remains unconvinced by the promise that the HS2 rail line will bring prosperity to the region.

It follows the MPs' vote for the £50 billion scheme.

The majority of Mr Watson's fellow MPs for the Black Country voted in favour of the line, which will start being built in 2017 and will see two new stations in Birmingham.

Mr Watson said: "I do believe in investment for additional capacity in the railway. I'm just yet to be convinced by this project."

## Cash point plan

THE post office branch at the New Square centre in West Bromwich has submitted plans to install a cash machine. Documents say it would allow a 24-hour cash service for customers and will allow the financial side of its business to compete with rivals.


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# Breaking cycle of crime in scheme

A PROJECT which supports children whose parents are in prison has been launched in the Midlands.

Invisible Walls has seen prison bosses join forces with children's charity Barnado's and other public bodies to work with offenders and their families.

It will be carried out in Birmingham and was launched at the city's new library in Broad Street.

The project aims to break the cycle of re-offending from one generation to the next.

Services will include parenting programmes to manage children's challenging behaviour, individual support for those struggling to cope and work to make prison visits a less daunting experience for youngsters.

Barnardo's director in the Midlands Hugh Sherriffe said: "Our work to support children affected by parental imprisonment is hugely important. They've done nothing wrong but they feel alienated by society."

Figures show 200,000 children in England and Wales are affected by parental imprisonment each year, and almost two-thirds of boys with a father in prison also go on to commit offences.

# Vintage music due at event

A VINTAGE and handmade products fair will be staged at Wednesbury Town Hall this Saturday.

The entertainment at the event will include a variety of stalls, dancing and music from Danny and the Swampmen; as well asElvis tribute Karl Memphis;and Miss Fortunes, a vocal harmony trio of women who sing music from the 1920s to the present day.

Councillor Elaine Costigan said some of the proceeds will be donated to the Parkinson's UK charity.

The event will run from 10am-4pm. Admission is £1.

# Egypt flights

AIRLINE Monarch has launched a new twice a week service to Egypt from Birmingham Airport. Monarch, which recently opened a new hangar, will fly to Hughada each Tuesday and Friday. The flights from Birmingham are among 10 new routes launched this month.

# War graves tour leader dies aged 82

Alex with his MBE

A FORMER police officer who took thousands of people on visits to war graves across Europe and was awarded the MBE for his charity efforts has died at the age of 82.

Alex Bulloch, of King's Norton, Birmingham, founded the War Research Society together with police force colleagues in 1972.

For more than 40 years he took people to the last resting places of relatives who fell during both world wars, mainly in France, Belgium and Germany. Mr Bulloch, who received the MBE in 2008 for charitable services, was born in April, 1932, in East Lothian, Scotland.

After National Service in the British Army, he joined the Merchant Navy in 1956 and became an assistant baker on the Queen Elizabeth. He also served on sister ship the Queen Mary as an assistant cook. In 1957, Mr Bulloch joined City of Birmingham Police, going on to found the force's pipe band.

He served as a police constable for 10 years, later winning promotion to sergeant, and attended the Birmingham Pub Bombings in November, 1974. He retired from the force in 1988.

Mr Bulloch decided to stop making the trips last year for health reasons.

Tony Knight, who has carried on Mr Bulloch's work as one of the organisers of Battlefield Memorial Tours, said: "Alex was a very driven man of high principles and low patience. "He could be difficult, argumentative and did not stand fools.

On the other hand he could be and was a very generous man, and very kind man who gave extraordinary time and effort to what became his defining life's work of taking thousands of people from all over the world to the battlefields and war cemeteries of Northern Europe."

Mr Bulloch's wife Jessie died in 2012. He leaves two sons, Keith and Ian.

# More than 150 object to industrial scheme

**MORE than 150 people are objecting to plans to create a new industrial development on the site of a former school and council training centre in Oldbury.**

People have been writing to council chiefs to voice their concerns about the proposals and have also launched a petition against Sandwell Council's outline proposals to revamp the former Training and Development Centre.

**By Alex Homer**

Objectors to the Popes Lane scheme, some of whom are living in nearby Birmingham Road, say they are already surrounded by industrial parks on three sides of their homes, and the fourth side is a carriageway.

Air pollution levels are among the worst in the West Midlands, they claim, and they say they already have to suffer noise from the M5 motorway which runs over their heads as well.

Retired naval officer Paul Bodley, who runs the Birmingham Road Residents Association and has lived on the road for more than 28 years, said he was sceptical of figures quoted in planning documents suggesting any new scheme could create 100 new jobs.

He said: "Not all of the units are full on the Gregston Industrial Estate and Crystal Drive is half empty and The Furnace Parade behind the council house is like a building site.

"I can't see how a new scheme in that area could create 100 jobs.

"There's no thought for the people living in these houses whatsoever. We have some of the worst air pollution in the country here and the council wants to put more business next to the houses. It just cannot go on."

The council is now looking for investors to come forward after the submission of outline plans. Officers from the council's regeneration and economy team have put together the scheme that could see the site transformed into a 205,000 sq ft industrial development.

The centre is less than two miles from junction two of the M5 motorway in Oldbury, which council bosses have said will make it an attractive site. Outline plans for the site also open the possibility for it to be turned into offices or used for green technologies including waste recycling and management.

The site of the former council building served as the Albright Secondary School from the 1930s.

# Stab wounds man dies

A MAN has died from stab wounds he inflicted upon himself at a house in the Black Country. The 50-year-old man was rushed to hospital in the early hours of Sunday morning after police received reports he had been self-harming at an address in Thorneycroft Road, Moxley.

Police spokesman Brigg Ford said: "We received a call just after 1am saying a 50-year-old man was self-harming. The man was later pronounced dead in hospital."

From left, Phoebe McDonald, Livia Harcan, Fran Barker and Daisie Burke

# Girls on trail of sporting success

A TALENTED group of young gymnasts were jumping for joy at the prospect of taking part in an international competition.

Five talented youngsters from Elena Rhythmic Gymnastics Club in Oldbury had reaped the rewards of months of hard work by taking part in a competition in Romania over the weekend

Phoebe McDonald, aged nine, Daisie Burke, 10, Alisa Asar, 13, Fran Barker, 10 and Maria Savvides, 12 individually faced off on behalf of England against competitors from Bulgaria, Russia, Israel and Romania at the international rhythmic gymnastics contest.

The youngsters are all from Oldbury and Dudley.

Coach Sarah Smith set up the club in Wellington Street in 2004, having competed as a gymnast herself from a young age.

She said: "A lot of hard work goes into this. For these girls it's a life commitment they practice here six times a week and spend can spend anywhere from 20 - 25 hours rehearsing."

The group is also looking for sponsors for future events if you would like to support them contact russellsmith1@btinternet.com

# NEWS in brief

## Route shut after gas pipe is hit

A BUSY route through a town centre had to be closed after a car hit a shop front and damaged a gas pipe.

Part of Blackheath High Street, the A4100, had to be closed for around an hour after the smash at just after 3pm on Monday.

A male driver hit the front of the Roman Bathroom and Tile Centre and damaged part of its frontage, as well as breaking a gas pipe. It is believed he was trying to park at the time.

## Beauty clinic plan backed at Bunnys

PLANS for a new beauty clinic at a well-known former massage parlour have been welcomed by a councillor.

The centre will open at old Bunnys site on Hagley Road, Bearwood.

Bunnys had originally been established as a business next door, the former home of Cuddles – a brothel which was raided by police back in 2005.

It later moved into the site which has now been earmarked for the beauty clinic.

## Coffee morning to boost carers

A COFFEE day for carers will take place tomorrow, Friday. It will be run by CARES' Carer Support Project, which helps unpaid family carers living in Sandwell.

The project runs 'coffee breaks' to provide an opportunity for carers to drop in for an informal chat and a cup of coffee or tea. It takes place at Wednesbury Library in Walsall Street from 10.30am until noon.

## Blast man suffers burns on his face

A MAN suffered burns to his face after a gas cylinder exploded at a factory in Blackheath. Paramedics were called to Malt Mill Lane at around 2.25pm on Tuesday.

The man was treated at the scene and given pain relief before being taken to Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital by ambulance.

## Club set for dance

A CARNIVAl dance with a 1960s theme will take place later this month as part of a community association's 50th anniversary. Tipton Sports & Social Club in Coneygre Road will host the event on May 24.


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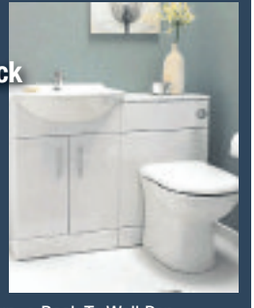

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# THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

YOU know you're getting old when your holidays start looking more like pilgrimages. By the time this appears, I should be taking a wee dram in the bar of the hotel in the little Scottish village that is forever Furness.

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**IT WAS here in 1982 that a little-known film director, Bill Forsyth, brought together a small team of actors and one global superstar, Burt Lancaster, to make a movie which made the whole world smile. On paper, Local Hero is simply a story of a Texas oil company trying to turn a little Scottish bay into the petro-chemical capital of Europe, without bargaining on some canny locals and one stubborn old hermit (Fulton Mackay) who claims he owns the beach. But it actually goes much deeper. Local Hero is a film about values, weighing the world-conquering dollar against the simple pleasures of a quiet life.**

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THE young oil executives sent to clinch the deal, McIntyre (Peter Riegert) and Oldsen (Peter Capaldi), quickly go native. First their ties disappear, then the smart jackets. Gathering seashells, McIntyre leaves his prized wristwatch by a rock pool. As the tide rises you hear the alarm call, the tune of The Yellow Rose of Texas ("conference time in Houston") fading under the waves.

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**FORSYTH set the fictional village of Furness in the real-life fishing village of Pennan, near Fraserburgh on the bleak north-east coast of Scotland. Ever since we saw the film more than 30 years ago, we promised that one day we would make the long trek to Pennan and stay at the little hotel where McIntyre, slipping into local ways, orders a 42-year-old whisky and, when he's told it's not available says: "Well give me four eight-year olds and a ten-year old."**

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LOCAL Hero became part of my 40-year love affair with Scotland, an affair which has taken me from the white beaches of Benbecula to salmon fishing in Thurso, from malt-whisky tasting in Leith to the wild moors of Corrour, to the romance of the West Highland Line and the endless fascination of sailing on Loch Lomond. As the referendum on independence draws closer, It occurs to me that I have never regarded Scotland as anything other than a separate country, a place apart in culture, language, banknotes, food and attitudes. The thing that strikes me time after time, and which seems so odd to us English, is the kinship between Scots. It's not that they all love each other but there is a quiet conviction, no matter where they meet, that to be Scottish is to belong to a very exclusive club. It is a kinship which transcends wealth and class, religion, politics, clan and even the old Highland-Lowland divide. It is based largely on the shared and bonding experience of living next door to the English. Which raises the question of what happens if and when the Scots vote for independence. What becomes of that kinship when you remove the unifying factor, the common enemy, the frightful Sassenach? Does Scotland become one proud nation? Or might it simply become ungovernable?

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**AND finally in Furness, there's the immortal red telephone box. In the days before mobiles, the phone box was the only link between Mr Happer the oil magnate in Houston and his man McIntyre in Furness. It's still there, on the seafront by the hotel, and is reputed to be the most telephoned, and possibly the most famous, phone box in the world. If you've seen the unbearably poignant ending of Local Hero, as McIntyre tries to ring Furness from his flat in Houston, you'll know why.**

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YOU'VE never seen Local Hero? Then do.

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# Majority of budget set for conference

BIRMINGHAM City Council has spent nearly all of its major event budget on hosting a Conservative party conference, it has emerged.

City chiefs agreed to splash 95 per cent of the authority's event budget to hold the Conservative party conference later this year. The authority will spend a total of £1.48 million of taxpayers' cash for the event between September 29 until October 1, which will be spent on hiring out the International Convention Centre, as well as security, transport and traffic costs.

This means Europe's largest local authority with be left with just £67,000 to use on other events. Labour MPs in the city claim the deal – made while the city was still controlled by the Conservatives – has left the council's budget hamstrung.

The council is looking to make £85.7m of cuts in 2014-15 as they try to save £822m by 2018.

Labour MP Gisela Stuart, who represents Edgbaston, said: "Whether this was a Labour Party conference or a Conservative Party conference it wouldn't be right. For an outgoing Conservative leader to sign off on such an expensive party conference makes it doubly bad."

However, investment body Marketing Birmingham claimed the conference could generate up to £20 million for the region's economy.

A West Midlands Conservative Party spokesman added: "Figures show previous party conferences held in the city have brought a multi-million pound boost to Birmingham including by £20 million in 2008."

# Bag searches urged in wake of stabbing

**MORE airport-style security and bag searches should be introduced in West Midlands schools to prevent weapons being carried in, governors said today.**

Spanish teacher Ann Maguire, aged 61, was due to retire in September and had been working only four days a week before she was fatally injured recently at Corpus Christi Catholic College in Leeds.

A 15-year-old boy was arrested and West Yorkshire Police have confirmed that Mrs Maguire died from multiple stab wounds.

School governors in the West Midlands said that this case showed the pressing need for increased security to prevent anything similar happening in the area.

It comes after it was revealed earlier this month that 12 children have been excluded from schools in Wolverhampton for going in with weapons. Seven of the cases involved knives. The city's council was the only authority in the Black Country to hold such figures for the past two academic years.

If airport-style security were to be introduced in schools, it would not be the first time in this area. Handheld metal detectors were employed at Phoenix Collegiate Business, Sport and Enterprise College. which is based on two sites in West Bromwich and Wednesbury, when two pupils were excluded for being in possession of a knife in 2012.

**by Alex Homer**

Richard Marshall, a former governor of eight years at Perryfields High School, Oldbury, was on the board of governors when a school-wide policy of immediate expulsion was adopted after a boy was reported as showing off a knife to friends at the Oldacre Road school around two years ago.

Mr Marshall, who was also parent governor representative for secondary schools in Sandwell for five years, added: "Children have got to feel confident teachers can deal with these issues if they report them.

"I believe teachers can conduct bag searches under their current powers and in schools where teachers fear this is a genuine issue, they could do that.

"It's awful to hear what's happened in Leeds. If I was still a governor at Perryfields I would be asking that the school reiterated its policy to parents on expulsion for anyone that brought a knife into school in light of these recent events."

# Albion hero Chippy dies at 73

Baggies hero Clive Clark lifts the lid of the FA Cup alongside captain Graham Williams, holding the body of the cup, as they celebrate their victory with their teammates at Wembley in 1968

WEST Bromwich Albion hero Clive Clark has died at the age of 73.

The left winger was a loyal servant to the club, making 351 starts, two substitute appearances, and scoring 98 goals during eight years at The Hawthorns. He became Albion's record signing at the start of 1961 when manager Gordon Clark snapped him up from Queens Park Rangers for £20,000.

His greatest moments in a Baggies shirt came between 1966 and 1968. He scored and was instrumental in the 1966 League Cup Final victory over two legs against West Ham. The following season he topped the Albion scoring chart with an incredible 29 goals. And in 1968 he netted three times in the club's run to lifting the FA Cup at Wembley. The club said its thoughts were with Clive's family and friends while a tribute to his career will be held at the final home game of the season against Stoke. The FA Cup-winning winger passed away at a nursing home in Scarborough following a long illness.

Albion legend Tony Brown led the tributes to the 'priceless' Hawthorns hero. He today hailed the talents of Clark, who was known to team-mates as 'Chippy'.

Brown, Baggies' record appearance maker and record goalscorer, said: "I was so sad when I heard the news. He was such a great lad and a really terrific player. I was lucky enough to play with him for a few years, including that FA Cup win in 1968.""

# Mortgage checks fear

TOUGHER mortgage checks which have come into effect have been criticised as being badly timed and could jeopardise the housing market recovery in the West Midlands, according to property law experts.

As part of the fallout of the Mortgage Market Review, the Financial Conduct Authority is introducing new regulations which will include tighter affordability checks for borrowers. Most lenders are ready for the changes and in many cases they have already been phased in. Customers applying for mortgages will have to provide more evidence of their income and divulge details of their expenditure.

# Medical service to carry on at centre

A NEW medical centre which opened to help relieve pressure on hospital services over the winter period has had its pilot period extended.

The GP-led patient referral centre at Rowley Regis Hospital in Sandwell will remain open until May 30 so that health chiefs can have longer to see how well the service is being used.

The centre is being run by Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust with the aim of relieving pressure from Russells Hall and Sandwell General Accident and Emergency wards.

The trial was paid for out of a £400 million government funding pot to help the NHS cope with increased strain on its services during the winter period."

Since January the centre has offered a range of services including monitoring and treating patients, referring patients for diagnostic tests, agreeing patient management plans and admitting patients to hospital.

Dr Nick Harding, chair of Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG and a practising GP, said: "Patients sometimes need further observation but would prefer not to be admitted to hospital, and they can now access continued clinical support."

# Sites for ice rink dropped

EIGHT alternative sites ruled out for a planned ice rink at the heart of West Bromwich town centre have been revealed, and include sites such as the former BMG warehouse in Lyng Lane, which was not in the council's ownership.

National ice rink firm, Planet Ice Property Leisure, which runs The Leisurebox in Birmingham, is in talks with the council to run the enterprise and say the Queens Square car park occupies the best spot.

Council chiefs now plan to sell off the car park, paving the way for the scheme.

# MP in changes

CHANGES have been made to the dates of Warley MP John Spellar's advice bureau. He will meet constituents on June 13 at Community Hall, Barlow Homes, Pound Road, Oldbury, not June 6. Then on June 14, he is at Smethwick Council House, instead of June 7.

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# War grave pledge by couple in trip out

A COUPLE who are visiting the infamous First World War battlefield of Gallipoli are offering to photograph the graves of any soldiers who have relatives in the Black Country.

Margaret Carter and Steve Moore are travelling to the Turkish peninsular, which was the scene of an ill-fated allied campaign between April, 1915 and January, 1916. The Allies suffered around 250,000 casualties during the invasion, which ultimately ended in defeat at the hands of the Ottoman Empire.

It will be the fifth time the couple have visited the peninsular, and Margaret said if anybody in the Black Country had relatives in the war cemeteries she would be prepared to picture the graves for them.

"Their graves are in stunningly beautiful and isolated locations and rarely visited," added Margaret, from Hunters Ride in Lawnswood, near Stourbridge.

Next month she and Steve will visit the island of Lemnos, where injured troops were taken to be nursed. Many did not recover and are buried there. Anyone with family members buried at Gallipoli can call Steve or Margaret on 01384 375499.

# Recruiting for board

THE organisation managing leisure centres in Sandwell is looking for board members.

Sandwell Leisure Trust (SLT) is looking to add to their current board members who help decide on the future of the leisure facilities in the borough.

SLT is a charity with that has spent the last 10 year improving sports and leisure facilities in the area.

Board members work closely with the charity's executive team.

Anyone interested can call Paul Slater on 0121 521 4421. The closing date for applications is May 30.

# Ellis due in Brum

CELEBRATED West End singer Kerry Ellis has announced she will perform in Birmingham on her first UK tour, it has been announced. The star of Wicked plays Birmingham's Town Hall on October 9. For tickets visit www.ticketmaster.co.uk/promo/xcsp52.

# Wife of drug baron kicked out of nursing

Struck off – Luan Anslow

THE wife of Black Country drugs lord John Anslow has been struck off the nursing register – after laundering cash for her fugitive husband.

Luan Anslow stashed some of the proceeds from her husband John's drug dealing operation in her bank account, a hearing was told.

The nurse previously worked in the emergency department at Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley and spent £28,000 on cars.

John Anslow became Britain's most wanted man when he escaped from a prison van in January 2012 and fled to northern Cyprus.

The 33-year-old, from Tipton, is currently serving a combined 29-year sentence – 22 years for conspiracy to supply cocaine and cannabis and seven years and two months for his violent prison escape.

His wife was convicted of transferring and concealing criminal property last May at Wolv-erhampton Crown Court and sentenced to 18 months' jail suspended for two years. She was also ordered to carry out 220 hours of unpaid work and to pay £27,999 or risk a year in jail.

A hearing of the Nursing and Midwifery Council in London, which Anslow did not attend, saw the former nurse kicked out of the profession due to her criminal past.

The allegation was that her fitness to practice was impaired because of her conviction. Her representative Alexander Dos Santos said she regretted the actions which led to her conviction. But panel chairman Lucinda Barnett said: "Mrs Anslow had involved herself, and benefited from, an illegal enterprise relating to money obtained by drug trafficking. She had clearly disregarded the law and therefore breached her responsibilities as a registered nurse."

The hearing was told that the money was used to buy cars. It was ordered that Anslow's name be removed from the nursing register and she will not be able to apply for restoration for five years.

# Baggies fans kick up a stink over shirt design

**WEST Bromwich Albion's controversial new kit has been given the thumbs-down by supporters, with thousands saying they are not happy with the decision to ditch the team's blue and white stripes.**

More than 5,000 fans voted in an Express & Star online poll after news emerged that the Baggies are getting rid of their traditional broad stripes for a 'pinstripe' design.

How the new kit may look

And 75 per cent of voters were against the changes, that will see Albion play in predominantly white shirts with blue shorts – the biggest break with tradition since the Second World War.

John Homer, chairman of the West Bromwich Albion Supporters Club, said: "I haven't had chance to speak to other supporters so I can only speak for myself, but if this happens I can only see it as an unnecessary break with tradition.

"As traditionalists, I think fans like the stripes that we have always played in.

"I find it hard to see us in blue shorts, as we have been this season, because I always associate blue shorts with difficult times, like when we went down to the third division and when we had our worst ever season.

"I didn't really like the 'barcode' shirt (in the 1990s). It just wasn't us.

"I like to see us in proper stripes because that's what Albion are – blue and white stripes. The team even used to run out to 'Stars and Stripes Forever'."

The Baggies are set to unveil the new shirt in the next few weeks and, while club insiders have insisted it will still feature a blue stripe, it is understood that it is predominantly white. Despite the overwhelming votes against the change some fans have shown support.

# Talent due at festival

THE third instalment of a four-week festival showcasing new music and art from British-Asian artists returns to Birmingham.

The Eastern Electronic Festival runs until May 31, with performances and work by internationally-acclaimed participants.

Shaanti TV will be broadcasting future sounds from the best new British-Asian artists, while there will be the Music By The Canal Tour at Brindleyplace on Saturday. The photographic exhibition Twenty Years of Asian Dub Foundation will be at The Drum, and Shaanti New Music Live on Saturday May 17 at Oobleck/Afie Birds.

Details of all projects can be found at www.easternelectronicfestival.co.uk.

# Collision girl's father in crossing call

At home, Luke Nuttall and his daughter Elouise Nuttall, aged three, with her leg in a cast after being hit by a car

CALLS are being made for a pedestrian crossing to be installed after a three-year-old girl was knocked over and broke her leg.

Luke Nuttall launched a petition for a traffic-light crossing the day after his daughter Elouise was run over by a driver on Vicarage Road in West Bromwich. The 28-year-old's petition, started in April, now has just under 100 signatories, and he has also written to Sandwell Council.

He wants to see the crossing installed near to The Rampa pub, as he believes it would be used by children attending the nearby St Mary Magdalene primary school and Happy Valley Nursery in Gayton Road.

The insurance salesman said: "My girlfriend was going to Sandwell Valley Park with Elouise, my son and my other daughter. A driver pulled up. They started crossing the road, and at the point they got half way across the driver had pulled off, clattered Elouise, and drove another 100 yards up the road before stopping. My girlfriend is now scared to leave the house."

Elouise broke her fibular and was left in a cast, although she has now returned to nursery. Mr Nuttall said the driver was interviewed by police but no action was taken.

Although there is a pedestrian crossing around 200 yards down the road, he feels the school and other pedestrians would be better served by another near to where the accident happened. He said: "The amount of accidents that have happened there is ridiculous, a child is going to die."

Councillor Maria Crompton, who is in charge of transport at Sandwell Council, said she has not received the information submitted by Mr Nuttall yet, but she will ask her officers to investigate.

## NEWS in brief

### Worker falls after boards give way

A MAN fell six feet through rotting floorboards during a visit to a former newsagent to see what internal works were needed to bring it back into use.

The accident happened at a unit on Stourbridge Road, Lye, last Thursday.

A kitchen worker at the Golden Fish restaurant next door saw crews arrive and opened the cellar to its restaurant, which is connected, so paramedics could help the man more quickly after his fall. He was not seriously injured.

### Least amount of walkers in region

A THIRD of people in the West Midlands walk for an hour or less per week, a survey has found, making people in the area the most likely to walk the least.

The results of a YouGov survey showed 33 per cent of people surveyed in the region said they walk on average for an hour or less per week and 37 per cent of people would not consider walking for more than 20 minutes.

For more information visit www.ramblers.org.uk/getwalkingweek.

### Firms' big match to help causes

A CHARITY football match will pit teams from sister firms in Dudley and Tipton against each other.

Masefield-Beta, based on Coneygree Industrial Estate, and Thomas Dudley, Birmingham New Road, Dudley, will play at Tividale FC's ground on Saturday at 3pm.

Proceeds will be going to help the Little Hearts Matter and Macmillan Cancer Support charities.

### Male choir set to jazz things up

A MALE choir aims to serenade audiences with the help of a jazz trio at their latest concert.

Members of Warley Male Choir will be taking to the stage for their spring concert in Halesowen on Saturday at Cornbow Hall, starting at 7pm. Tickets are £8 on the door – which open at 6.15pm – or call 0121 552 4113.

### Springtime stroll

A SPRING stroll has been organised at a Staffordshire beauty spot. It will take place at Chasewater Country Park on May 18 from 10am. Walkers should meet at the Chasewater Innovation Centre.


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## IN MY VIEW

WITH MARK ANDREWS

A PLANNING application submitted to Wolverhampton Council last week sought permission for 'The reconfiguration of existing signage suite'. Or, in English, 'moving the signs outside McDonalds'.

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Having just returned from a short break in Holland, three things spring to mind. Firstly, what a beautiful corner of the world it is, with its elegant architecture, lovingly preserved windmills and scenic canals.

If only we were half so good at making the most of our canals and old buildings in the Black Country, then it would be a much better place to live, work and shop.

Secondly, it did strike me how absurd it was that it took just 55 minutes to fly from Birmingham to Amsterdam, the journey ends up taking more than six hours by the time you have negotiated security and customs at either end, found somewhere affordable to park, and spent the customary half hour haggling with the car hire people on arrival.

But most of all, it struck me how terrifying it can be walking around otherwise genteel towns and cities which have been taken over by militant cyclists.

It all looks so respectful in Van Der Valk, where little old ladies in period costume gently amble over the bridges, smiling at the pedestrians walking by.

But in reality, they just come whizzing at you from all directions, manically ringing their bells to order you out of their path. The only thing you can do is play hopscotch as you seek to avoid one after another.

And if you're driving, it is even more un-nerving, as they just shoot across the road at their designated crossing points, without giving a second thought to what might be coming in their direction. Convinced of their own invincibility, these people never give a second thought to the Green Cross code.

But strangest of all is the zeal that people in that country have for cycling. To them, particularly the young, cycling is not simply a hobby or a means of transport, it is a way of life that must never be questioned.

Perhaps it is the result of years of indoctrination in schools, or maybe just something which has been ingrained into their culture through the centuries. But it does serve as a worrying pointer as to what could happen over here in years to come.

Politicians talk benignly about 'the need to encourage cycling'.

Cycling has its place, and maybe if more people were encouraged to use this means of transport, there could be a reduction in congestion on our roads.However, if anybody wants to see what happens when it is unquestioningly accepted as something which should be encouraged at all costs, they should go to Amsterdam.

A nibbler machine chewed up Booth House and O'Hare House in Teddesley Street, Walsall in 2008

Oldbury's 16-storey Albright House and Wilson House on the Lion Farm Estate, blown up in 2000

Grange Court in Wolverhampton, was one of the city's first high rise blocks, demolished in 2009

# A history of the high life in Black Country

**JONATHAN PRITCHARD** reports on an archive which has been delving into the past of high rise living

**FOR some they are a blot on the landscape.**

But, love them, or loathe them, tower blocks have been a familiar site on the Black Country's skyline for decades and have provided a place to call home for thousands of people.

Now a new archive is documenting the history of the tower blocks which sprang up – and came back down again – since 1960s onwards.

The archive has been set up by a group called Distinctly Black Country, which studies the history of the area.

Members are appealing for help from members of the public to help them collate details of the region's landmarks.

Paul Quigley, project researcher, said: "Council housing is a big part of the architecture of the Black Country, but there is very little written about it's history. They have affected the lives of hundreds of thousands of people who have lived there. We are focused on the tower blocks of the 1960s at the moment, but we are welcoming any help we can get from the public."

Thirty volunteers have been working on the project since autumn last year, along with staff based at Wolverhampton Art Gallery.

They have been collecting the materials to go on a website on the subject, as well as stories from people whose lives are connected to the blocks.

Their investigations have so far focused on 20 tower blocks in the centre of the Black Country across Bilston, Darlaston, Tipton, Wednesbury, Wednesfield and Willenhall.

Mr Quigley said: "They are quite a controversial type of architecture but for all their bad points they are still a big part of the area.

Dave Cocker, aged 56, at Russell Court ,where he lives. His old pictures of the flats have been lent to Paul Quigley at Wolverhampton Art Gallery

"People think that their experience in the tower blocks doesn't mean anything. But what we are trying to say is that if you don't record your memories then it is going to be lost forever.

"It is the sort of thing that future generations will be interested in."

The work carried out by researchers has led to the discovery of maps and original planning documents, along with the council reports which led to the demolition of flats in the region.

There are also written testimonies from former tenants, more than 150 photographs, and a comprehensive list of all 276 tower blocks ever built in the Black Country, produced by author Miles Glendinning.

Mr Quigley said there are a wide range of interesting items on the website including Butterfield Court in Eves Hill, Dudley, which featured on the iconic cover of the 1971 Led Zeppelin IV album. The flats were home to the band's drummer John Bonham who died in 1980.

Mr Quigley added the archive contained other interesting facts: "There is a Wednesfield tenants handbook, which also has a 'care of a bath' section, which we found hilarious.

"There are also pictures of Grange Court, just off the Ring Road in Wolverhampton which was described as the city's first high rise."

And he went on to add: "Bolton Court in Sandwell was called a 'gateway to the town' meaning Tipton, by the chair of housing when it was opened in 1965. It became part of the huge demolition programme by Sandwell Council, more than 60 blocks, and now only the car parks remain."

But while there is already a wide range of material for web users to browse through, project leaders are now on the lookout for further items and stories to add, as well as new volunteers to help with the investigation.

Mr Quigley said: "The materials we've found so far provide a great insight into the blocks themselves and also the lives led within them, but we are always looking to add more to add to the website."

One person who is championing the positive aspects of high rise life is Dave Cocker, who has lived in tower blocks for many years, and says he has happy memories of the experience.

He currently resides in Russell Court in Graiseley, Wolverhampton, but had previously lived in Wesley Court in Portobello, Willenhall. He said: "When I lived at Wesley Court the community spirit was very good. You knew everyone on your level, if not the block. We used to be quite naughty back then because we would go onto the roof and have barbecues. We were all adults and we were quite safe but we would go up there and sunbathe, or read, and just relax."

Anyone interested in volunteering or contributing items as part of the project should visit www.distinctlyblackcountry.org.uk/blockcapital or discuss the project with Chaz Mason on 01902 552040/552194.

## POLITICS

WITH DANIEL WAINWRIGHT

GEORGE Osborne came under fire from Black Country MPs Valerie Vaz and Ian Austin recently at a time when the Chancellor is basking in the warm glow of an economic recovery.

And he says there are well over one million more people in work now than when the Coalition came to power. Dudley North's Mr Austin is not so sure the good times have reached the West Midlands.

He said: "The only people who are not worse off than they were four years ago are the super-rich? His wilful refusal to accept what every ordinary family in the country know from their daily experience just goes to show how out of touch he is."

But the Chancellor had a few statistics suggesting he thought things were going pretty well in Dudley.

"The honourable gentleman talks about who has felt the benefit of growth. What about the people in his constituency who have got a job, where unemployment has fallen by 17 per cent and youth unemployment is down 18 per cent? What about the 1.5 million people who have got jobs as a result of this Government working through their long-term economic plan?"

And Labour MP Miss Vaz, who represents Walsall South, said: "According to the Office for National Statistics, unemployment in the West Midlands has risen to 8.2 per cent, can the Chancellor explain why?"

But Mr Osborne said unemployment in Walsall South is down 20 per cent and that the number of people in work in the West Midlands dropped while Labour were in power.Mr Osborne has plenty of numbers at his disposal and they appear to be on his side. But the success of his latest budget will be judged on how much money people think they have in their pocket and businesses have in the bank – and whether or not they spend it.

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It's sort of obligatory at the moment to talk about Ukip in any politics column. The not-quite new kids on the political block look set to do very well in the European elections but with their new status and popularity comes a heck of a lot of scrutiny.

The moronic individual from London who suggested Dudley's Lenny Henry should move to a 'black country', when in fact he was from the Black Country all along, has stood aside. But Ukip is finding comments people made years ago are coming back to haunt them.

So it was with Walsall Council candidate David Wycherley with his question over the eligibility of Mo Farah to have competed for Team GB in the Olympics, given that he was born in Somalia.

The fact Mr Farah is a British citizen who spent the majority of his life in this country appeared not to give him the the vital clue.

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# Drivers now a law unto themselves

I HAVE been driving for over 25 years and I cannot believe how much the laws of the roads have changed.

I wonder if any other drivers have noticed? First it's now okay to use fog lights (which are meant for fog as they have a brighter beam) anytime day or night. It doesn't matter if it blinds the driver coming towards them just keep them on. It's okay to use a mobile phone while driving, well I thought this is dangerous but with the amount of drivers I've seen using the phone it must be legal! The new one I've seen which I was told not to do when I first past my test is the U-turn or three point turn on a main road. I have seen this done loads of times and in very busy traffic.

The driver in front has just stopped and gone into a three point turn. It's also okay to park on the zig zag lines at pedestrian crossing again I was told this was dangerous and illegal. It's okay to change your number plate you can change the letters/numbers to read your name if you like and you can also have them done in fancy letters.

**K SMITH, Cradley Heath**

# Take tests to ensure best health

ON reading your paper, dated April 16, I was interested to read the item 'Cancer tests ignored by the elderly' regarding bowel cancer screening kits.

I would urge all people who have the chance for this screening to do so. My husband has always done these over the past three years, which have all come back clear until he had the chance to do another screening test in March of this year, which unfortunately came back showing abnormalities.

Since then he has had numerous tests done at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, the outcome being he now has bowel cancer. Fortunately it has been caught very early and we now await his appointment for surgery.

So please, please, if you have the chance to do this screening, it is much better to do so, rather than ignoring. If my husband hadn't, we would not have known anything was wrong until it was too late and maybe we wouldn't be so lucky.

**M GARRETT, Oldbury**

## LETTERS to the Editor

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# HS2 is nothing but a status symbol

I must write and say how much I agree with the comments of R Slim regarding railways and the state of this country.

With the Government facing a housing crisis, people having to seek help from foodbanks, the NHS under considerable strain, and our roads becoming overcrowded by the month – surely it is the height of folly to spend billions on what amounts to be a status symbol of dubious merit.

Before such grand schemes are contemplated, the Government must look at the plight of the homeless and poor, and act as we did after World War II. Building social housing, not stoking up the furnaces of another housing bubble, must be a priority. It is no good people of suspect political views blaming immigrants for the housing shortage. This country has not built widely for decades, long before certain sectors of the hoi polloi began their biased rantings about immigration.

I just cannot grasp the mentality behind the schemes and ideas of this government. We have many old rail routes which could be reopened, stations built, car parks laid down and jobs created, to ease the daily commute. Look at any pre Beeching rail map to see what we have lost, and then take a look at any main road at rush hour! The answer is obvious. For the price of HS2 we could make a difference to everyday life.

**C K MILLWARD**
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# Fallacy on furniture

IT was very sad to read Nigel Hastilow's comment in the very first words of his article about porn and prudishness in last Saturday's Star, stating that Victorians covered the legs on furniture out of sexual prudity. It was nothing of the sort.

The main form of transport in Victorian times was by horseback and riders wore spurs attached to their riding boots and as it was awkward to take these off, they were often left on for daylight meals.

Rising from the table the spurs would be behind the wearer as he turned and likely to scratch unprotected table legs: the space under the chair prevented this happening. In the same way, the pieces of cloth draped over the back of a sofa were called 'anti-macassars' to prevent hair oil from staining the upholstery.

**I MORGAN**
**West Bromwich**

# Discipline at school is lost

THE news has been talking about weapons found on schoolchildren.

If they had kept one weapon 'the cane' we wouldn't have these problems in schools today. In my days at schools in the late 60's/70's we feared the cane, we feared the teachers, we feared discipline from our parents and there was discipline at schools, not any more. It was the EU who forced the UK to get rid of the cane in the 80s, one reason to tell the EU to get stuffed and bring it back.

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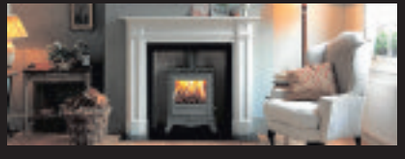
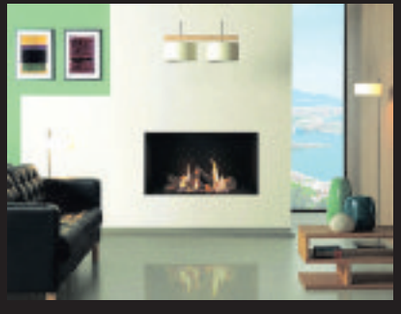

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# Jail term for Anslow escape bid offender

**A MAN who helped Black Country drug lord John Anslow escape from custody has been jailed for more than two and a half years.**

By Tim Spiers

Daniel Morgan was part of the team which assisted Anslow, of Tipton, when he was violently sprung from a prison van outside HMP Hewell near Redditch. Anslow duly became Britain's most wanted man and fled to Cyprus.

An international manhunt ensued and it was more than a year before he returned to the UK.

Morgan, of Parkeston Crescent in Birmingham, originally stood trial with five other people at Woolwich Crown Court last year for conspiracy to escape.

Two were found guilty and three were acquitted but in Morgan's case the jury failed to reach a verdict and a retrial was ordered for him alone.

However, Morgan then pleaded guilty to the lesser offence of assisting in Anslow's escape.

At Woolwich Crown Court, Morgan was sentenced to two years and eight months in prison.

The 30-year-old was returned to prison and has just nine months left of his sentence to serve. Anslow's dramatic escape in January 2012 sparked major security reviews and saw police scour Europe to track him down.

Anslow was en route to Stafford Crown Court when men armed with sledgehammers and a shotgun smashed into the prison van outside HMP Hewell. Just an hour before he escaped, prison officers missed a chance to spot a mobile phone being concealed by Anslow.

He then used the phone to tell his assailants which prison van he was being escorted to court in. He was driven to Birmingham at speeds of 100mph and then to Liverpool, and was not returned to the UK until he was arrested on immigration offences in Cyprus in March 2013.

# Tommy to talk on controversial issues

**Broadcaster Tommy Nagra who will be giving a talk on some of the issues he has tackled in documentaries**

AWARD-WINNING programme maker Tommy Nagra will discuss his work in making a catalogue of films tackling controversial issues at a public talk.

Birmingham-born Mr Nagra is currently head of business development for BBC Birmingham, but previously was renowned as a programme maker and creative leader both at the BBC and independent sector.

He will delve into his 20-year career as a filmmaker and executive producer covering the lives of diverse faith communities.

The event will be the latest in the series of Birmingham City University talks, 'The Untold Stories of Multi-Cultural Britain' and will make reference to a number of Mr Nagra's documentaries, uncovering the history of minority communities, miscarriages of justice, the practice of cousin marriages and sexual grooming.

The free event will take place at 6.30pm on May 22 at the Parkside Building, Cardigan Street, Birmingham.

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New aerial shots have been released taken from a hot air balloon that was flown over the West Midlands region recently.

Some of the images which have been snapped include unique shots of the popular Bull Ring Shopping Centre where thousands of shoppers from across the region regularly visit.

Another picture captures the landmark BT tower in Birmingham city centre.

The pictures were taken by marketing company Exclusive Ballooning as they travelled over the West Midlands as part of their latest promotional campaign for lingerie company, Gossard.

A picture of the Gossard balloon

Aerial view of the Bullring and Selfridges

Aerial view of Birmingham's BT Tower

The New Square Shopping Centre

## Locations

The special racing balloon which was taken up into the air for the photo shoot have been used to fly competitions taking place all over the world.

Andrew Holly, operations director for Exclusive Ballooning said: "The balloon is on a UK wide tour and it's already been in Edinburgh and spent the night in Birmingham.

"A few days ago it was also over London, these are three locations where you cannot normally place hot air balloons.

"Our company has some exclusive permission to fly balloons in these areas.

"I am currently the British national champion and the balloon is a racing balloon which we use to fly competition all over the world.

"We will be competing for GB at the world championships in Brazil this year."

He said that to pilot the balloon over West Midlands landmarks took a lot of skill, but allowed the crew in the balloon to see a unique side of the area that most people will never get to see.

The advertising stunt was designed to encourage people to tweet about the balloon which had a model emblazoned on the side for a chance to win some of the latest underwear from the exclusive Gossard range. It landed on the Jesson Playing Fields in West Bromwich. For more pictures log onto www.expressandstar.co.uk


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# Joy for Yeltz after winning promotion

**Halesowen Town FC players celebrate being promoted to the seventh tier in English football after their away win**

HALESOWEN Town Football Club are celebrating being 'back where they belong' after they were crowned league champions.

John Hill's men topped the Evo-Stik Northern Premier League's Division One South with 91 points to seal promotion after a 0-2 win away at Belper Town. The side will now return to the Evo-Stik Northern Premier League's Premier Division – the seventh tier in English football.

Bolstered by more than 200 travelling fans, the victory marks a tremendous turnaround for the club, which has previously suffered debts, administration and fallouts.

Chairman Colin Brookes said: "I have been here 20 years and we have had some rough times of late but this is the icing on the cake.

"It was a great achievement after hard work from everyone involved in the club.

"The squad have been terrific and we took a huge amount of fans to Belper which made for an unforgettable day." Manager John Hill said: "It is an unbelievable feeling – absolutely fantastic. We have won nine games on the spin and for a team that has not had a great deal of experience at this level it is a brilliant achievement."

Celebrating the club's triumph were long-time supporters and friends and family of the club at its ground, The Grove. Ron Moseley, 72, a former chairman and fan since 1947, said: "The club is back where it should be."

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# New centre opens in brave Harry's name

**A NEW centre for to allow families in the Midlands to spend time precious together when a loved one is ill has opened its doors.**

The facility is named after 11-year-old Harry Moseley who, despite suffering from an inoperable brain tumour, raised cash for good causes by selling handmade bracelets.

The Harry Moseley Family Centre opened last week at Birmingham St Mary's Hospice.

The £365,000 new centre in his name was made possible thanks to £103,000 funding from the Help Harry Help Others charity which has continued to raise cash after Harry's death in October 2011.

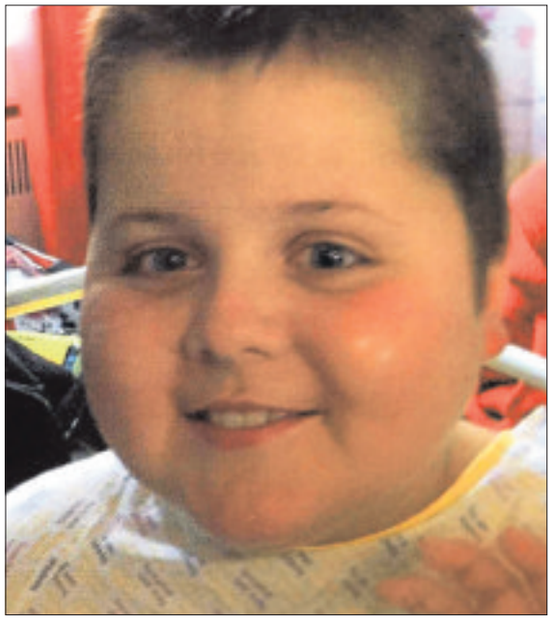
It will allow families to stay and sleep in the same building when patients need to stay overnight to help control their symptoms, and when they are too unwell to be with their family at home.

## Ribbon

The new centre is based in the garden of the hospice, which already cares for around 1,000 people a year from across Sandwell and Birmingham.

The hospice helps and supports families and loved ones of all ages throughout a patient's illness and after bereavement for as long as necessary and is based in Selly Park, Birmingham.

Georgie Moseley, Harry's mother, cut the ribbon at the opening of the new centre, which was attended by her son's charity's ambassadors, including former Villa man Ian Taylor, Heart FM DJ Ed James, acting twins James and Oliver Phelps – who played the Weasleys in the Harry Potter films, and Michael Johnson, formerly of Birmingham City.



A new centre opening will be named after Harry Moseley, who died aged 11

She said: "I'm a bit emotional opening this as I know what this centre will be used for. I'm glad to be here with ambassadors from the Help Harry Help Others charity because they were his team and they believed in him, and I'm glad people believe in me to carry on that work."

Ed James added: "Harry had such an amazing attitude. He never had a bad day because he never let anything get him down."

Tina Swani, hospice chief executive, said: "This will bring a lot of comfort to a lot of families who need support at the most important time ."

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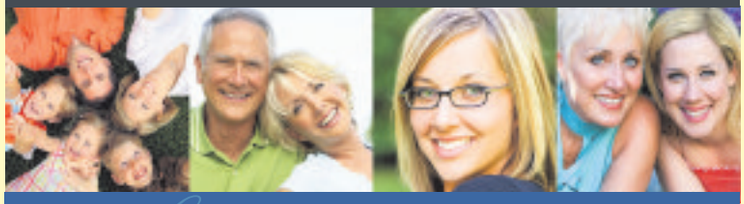

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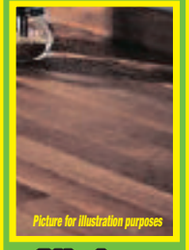

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Walsall's Wednesbury Road Congregation Church, which was hit, with one fatality

King Street, Wednesbury, following the destruction

Historian Ian Bott with a mock Zeppelin bomb during his talk at St Bartholemew's

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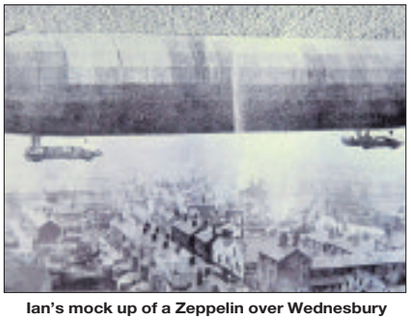
Ian's mock up of a Zeppelin over Wednesbury

# Bombshell from history to mark terrifying night of the Zeppelins

**MEMORY LANE**
***Report by Alex Ross***

**MUCH like a scene out of HG Wells' War of the Worlds – huge alien-like, oval-shaped objects loomed low over the Black Country, leaving a deadly trail of fire and destruction in their path.**

A closer inspection of the incoming Zeppelins would reveal German officers hanging out and dropping lethal bombs over the airship's two gondolas on to homes and factories below.

An example of what these devices looked like was shown at a talk by historian Ian Bott at St Bartholemew's Church in Wednesbury. Mr Bott outlined what happened on that fateful foggy, frosty night on January 31 in 1916, when the L21 airship and its crew of 16 killed 33 people in Tipton, Bradley, Wednesbury and Walsall.

The accompanying L19 also flew low over the Black Country hours later – but fortunately no fatalities were reported.

It was not the first time the huge airships had attacked England – but this operation, which involved nine of the Zeppelins, was the first time they had flown further than the east coast. Their mission was to prove the airships' aerial prowess and reach the docks of Liverpool and Birkenhead. Poor weather was to change all that, scattering the airships 70 miles off course.

Historian Ian Bott said: "There were more waterways in Tipton than Venice – with the large factories and housing landscape, it must have looked like they'd reached their target."

His life-size model of an incendiary bomb used by the Germans in the raid took the 51-year-old historian six weeks to make. Using pictures and eyewitness accounts of the bombs, Mr Bott believes they were filled with explosives including phosphorus and strapped with tarred rope.

He said: "Make no doubt about it, people in the Black Country didn't see this coming. There was no blackout in the area because the British people believed the Zeppelin couldn't go so far in land."

The airship measured 585 feet long and 61 feet in diameter and was made up of 19 airtight bags of hydrogen. As the L21 and Kapitänleutnant Max Dietrich crept across the North Sea, it passed over the Norfolk coast at 6.30pm before arriving over Dudley and Tipton. On the captain's orders, the airships crew dropped bombs, with the first one falling in the grounds of Dudley Castle at 7.45pm.

Other bombs came down in Waterloo Street and Union Street in Tipton. A family of five died in one of the houses. In all 14 people were killed in the town.

Following the moonlight shining off the canals, the Zeppelin next moved on to Bradley, dropping the first of the next series of bombs along the Wolverhampton Union Canal in the Pothouse Basin, then on to canalside cottages before the nearby water pumping station and the Old Bush Inn in Bradley Lane. Walking nearby the pumping station were young couple Frederick and Maud Fellows. They both died.

Devastation was to follow in Wednesbury – killing a further 13 people. King Street was one of the worst-hit areas, near Crown Tubeworks. Resident Jemima Smith survived but lost her husband Joseph and daughters Nellie, 13, Ina, seven, and son Thomas, 11.In Walsall, Wednesbury Road Congregational Church was hit, Thomas Merrylees, a pedestrian walking past the church, died. And a bomb was next dropped in Bradford Place, killing three people. Walsall Mayoress Mary Julia Slater was on the number 16 tram when the bomb blasted. She died a few weeks later on February 20.

Today, people still pay a keen interest in the event. About 100 people, including St Bartholomew's vicar the Rev Tim Vasby-Burnie, turned out for Mr Bott's talk at the church, which raised £560 for a project to restore the Woden Window, installed there in 1904.

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# Road is closed after car and taxi collide

The scene of the accident with emergency services in attendance at Walsall Road in Willenhall

A ROAD had to be closed for two hours following a night-time collision between a car and a taxi in the Black Country.

The red hatchback and a black cab collided in Walsall Road, Willenhall at about 9.30pm last Wednesday.

The male drivers of both vehicles suffered minor injuries and were treated by paramedics at the scene.

Police officers took the precaution to close the road until about 11.30pm while the scene was cleared. The front ends of both the car and the taxi were damaged in the smash.

A fire crew from Willenhall was called to the scene but was not required. Crew commander Pete Ball said: "The drivers weren't badly injured.

"It was a crash between a taxi and a car but the drivers had already got out by the time we got there."

# Attacker in pub jailed for brawl after row

**A MAN who carried out a 'ferocious' attack during a drunken brawl has been jailed for 12 months.**

Gregory Sterling, of Anslow Road, West Bromwich, admitted assault at Wolverhampton Crown Court after headbutting another man at The Turks Head, in High Street, Wednesbury. CCTV footage was played in the court.

**by Simon Stone**

It showed the 32-year-old head butting the man with so much force that he falls over himself.

The two men were arguing in a corridor of the pub before Sterling launched the attack. The video also showed the two men taking their coats off before Sterling again punches the man.

Recorder Anthony Reynolds, who sentenced Sterling, said: "You launched a ferocious head butt and then punched the man.

"I don't know what happened that day but you were very drunk and completely over-reacted. You are in danger of wasting your life in prison.

Mr Edward Soulsby, prosecuting, said: "The victim said he did not start a fight with the defendant and that it was a totally unprovoked attack. He said he has had to have dental work done to sort out his two front teeth."

Mr Soulsby also told the court that Sterling had previously been sentenced to eight years in prison in 2002 and five years in 2007.

Mr Benjamin Nicholls, for Sterling, said: "Something must have happened for this to happen. There was a good deal of verbal argument before the assault.

"The pre-sentence report shows that Sterling admitted the assault as soon as he was arrested. He did not attempt to use the provocation as an excuse."

The court heard that Sterling had also been found in possession of cannabis, for which Recorder Reynolds gave him no separate penalty.

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## Dance marks group's 50th anniversary

TIPTON Community Association is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a range of community events.

A 1960's themed carnival dance will take place on May 24 at Tipton Sports and Social Club, Coneygre Road, with dancing from 7.30pm until late and music of Fade To Grey.

Sixties dress is optional but there will be prizes for the best outfits. Tickets are £5 each and are available from Brook Street Community Centre or Tipton Sports and Social Club.

The 49th Tipton Carnival will be held on Saturday, June 7 at Jubilee Park, Powis Avenue, where there will be arena entertainment, a giant fun fair, children's amusements, a car boot sale and trade and charity stalls. Enquiries for the car boot, trade and charity stalls can be made to the Community Association office at Brook Street Community Centre or 0121 522 4044.

The 49th Jonah Whitehouse Memorial Bowls Tournament will this year be held at Victoria Park, Victoria Road, with play-offs on Sunday June 22 and semi finals and finals on Sunday June 29.

Entry fee is £1.50 each and closing date for entries is June 9, entry forms can be obtained from the Community Association office. Any inquiries about any of the events can be made by calling 0121 522 4044.

# Plan to sell off site of care home is welcomed

**A PROPOSAL to sell off a vandalised patch of land in Tipton that was once the site of a care home has been welcomed by councillors.**

Plans to sell off the site of the former Glebefields Resource Centre, which was a target for vandals and thieves, have been received by Sandwell Council.

The centre in Strathmore Road was demolished and the site cleared to make way for a new care home as part of a scheme put forward by Sandwell Community Caring Trust.

**by Tom Mason**

However, the trust has since bought another property instead, meaning the land is available for the council to sell again.

Councillor Stephen Jones, who represents the Princes End Ward at Sandwell Council, said: "The site has been vacant for some time now and we have had people damaging and stealing the fence that surrounds it, as well as children playing on it.

"It's one of a number of sites in the Princes End area that is in need or redevelopment and we were a little disappointed when the work on the new care home didn't go ahead."

The site was one of the three care homes that were transferred to Sandwell Community Caring Trust.

The initial contract was for Sandwell Community Caring Trust to demolish the Glebefields Resource Centre Care Home and build a new care home on this site, but a variation in the contract saw the trust take on an already established 60-bed care home in Harvest Road, Rowley Regis instead at a cost of £4.5 million.

Councillor Jones, who is also cabinet member for adult social care, said: "We welcome anything that will bring redevelopment and regeneration to the area.

"It's another site that we will be able to take off our list of local properties on the council's land bank."

He said he would ideally still like to see the site turned into a care home as was proposed before, but would be just as happy if the site was redeveloped to bring jobs in the area.

In a report, officers said: "The provision for extra care within Tipton is very high and the additional demand for extra care is not sufficient to warrant the building of an extra care unit on this site. The initial proposal was that the land would be returned to the council in 25 years. This has been varied and the land is available for now for the council to gain a capital receipt."

Liz Woodhouse, of Tipton, Sarah Chater, Tividale and Jayne Saunders of West Bromwich

## Chaos is coming to the stage

A RANGE of classic songs and soundtracks will serenade audiences as performers from an operatic company take to the stage.

Members of Cradley Heath Amateur Operatic Society, known as CHAOS, have been busy in rehearsals ready for their show-stopping performance.

The show called Strictly CHAOS is hitting the stage at Netherton Arts Centre, in Northfield Road, tonight, tomorrow and Saturday.

Around 40 songs feature throughout the musical revue from contemporary rock to theatrical classics.

Well known songs from West End shows Starlight Express, the Sound of Music and Blood Brothers are all part of the show.

Shows start at 7.30pm each night. All tickets cost £9. For tickets call the box office on 0121 585 7380 or visit www.chaos operatics.co.uk

The operatic company is on the look out for performers, especially men, for its next show Mack and Mabel.

Call 01384 293913 for information.

## Society is shortlisted for award

THE Tipton and Coseley Building Society has been shortlisted for an industry award for its regional mortgage lending.

The Moneyfacts Awards are independent and are presented annually for product excellence and outstanding service and cover products from across a range of financial services.

For the second consecutive year, the Tipton has been announced as a finalist in the regional lending provider of the year category.

Richard Newton, the society's chief executive, said: "Helping local people to buy their own homes is at the heart of what we do, so to be recognised for this is a great achievement."

The announcement follows a string of mortgage-related successes for the society. This year's mortgage applications are up 10 per cent on the first quarterof 2013 and during January and February mortgage completions totalled in excess of £8 million, up 59 per cent.

## Free locks for bikes offer

POLICE will be handing out free bike locks to cyclists to help cut thefts.

Officers in Great Bridge, Tipton, said bikes that have been left unattended and insecure outside homes and shops had been stolen in recent weeks.

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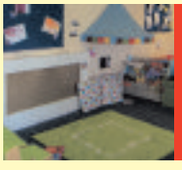
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# Plan to give lease of life to long-standing social club

A FORMER long-standing social club is to get a new lease of life as a business.

The Red Fort social club on Smethwick High Street closed in March, having been a pub since at least the 1970s, and has been bought up by private owners.

A planning application has now been granted by Sandwell Council for it to be turned into a unit for 'financial and professional services', although it has not been confirmed who the ultimate tenant will be.

Possibilities range from estate agencies to betting shops. The owners are now allowed to ready the ground floor for new tenants after being given permission for it to be used for those purposes.

There is no information as to what the upper floors would be used for.

The Red Ford had been run by Bera Mahli for 14 years, before being closed on March 24, and had been a social club for decades prior.

Mr Mahli, who also runs The Red Cow on Smethwick High Street, blamed rising overhead costs and the loss of manufacturers nearby for a decline in social drinkers.

He previously said: "The other thing that has affected us is the cheap beers from the supermarkets and the smoking ban.

"I've been running it for the last 14 years, but been drinking there a lot longer than that.

"And I'm taking all my customers to The Red Cow."

The Red Fort Social Club, 80 High Street, in Smethwick, which will become a business premises

# Opening the book on event fortnight

A HOST of popular authors will be visiting libraries as part of the tenth annual Big Book Fortnight, which runs from May 10-24.

Library staff are hosting talks from all sorts of writers, from crime and thriller novelists to children's authors and illustrators during the event which aims to make reading fun.

And for the first time there will be a special Black Country Libraries' Readers' Afternoon with a panel of well-known authors.

Authors appearing in Sandwell are Tom Bryson, at Blackheath Library on May 6 at 7.30pm, Rosie Goodwin, at Stone Cross Library on May 7 at 4.30pm; Judith Allnatt, at Oldbury Library on May 13 at 2pm and SJ Bolton at Bleakhouse Library on May 13 at 7pm.

The Black Country Readers' Afternoon will take place on May 17 at Dudley Archives and Local History Centre in Tipton Road, Dudley. The event will from 1-4pm costs £5 to include refreshments and a tour of the venue.

# Mercy dash resulted in tragedy for brother

**A MAN was driving at high speed along a road in Smethwick to check on his brother in hospital when he crashed and suffered fatal injuries, a jury has concluded.**

Kevin Burris, aged 29, was behind the wheel of a silver Ford Focus heading from Soho Way, Smethwick, towards City Hospital when the smash occurred at around 5am on March 26, 2010.

**by Lee Watton**

Smethwick Coroners Court heard Mr Burris' brother, Karl, was in the hospital's intensive care unit at the time after being stabbed.

Karl survived but Kevin, of Woodland Street, Smethwick, died when the car collided with a camera stanchion yards from the hospital.

Following a three-day inquest at Birmingham Coroners Court, the jury concluded Mr Burris had died as the result of an accident.

They said he had reacted for another car crossing the junction with Winson Green Road causing the loss of control.

The inquest was told there had been four people inside the car besides Kevin, including his other brother Kelvin, who all suffered injuries at the time but lived.

The jury also heard police in an unmarked BMW police car had started following the vehicle after seeing it travelling in the opposite direction to them less than a minute before the crash took place.

Officers didn't use blue lights while trying to catch up with Mr Burris' car, which police said was going 'around 80mph'.

Mr Hossein Zaahir, representing Kevin's mother Imogen Brown, suggested blue lights should have been illuminated, for the safety of other road users and to alert Kevin to slow down.

He said West Midlands Police's policy on pursuits, which was in place at the time, said blue lights should be on.

But Pc Ian Smith, one of the officers in the police car, said it had not constituted a pursuit as guidelines stated one only begins if a driver does not comply with a direction from the police to stop.

DI Baker said: "In evidence Pc Ian Adams, who was driving the police car, said he believed those in the Ford Focus were not even aware of their presence.

"If we accept their account it would not fall into the definition of a pursuit under the Association of Chief Police Officers guidelines."

Mr Burris died of crush injuries.

The conclusion given was Mr Burris had been 'driving very fast in order to check on brother in hospital and reacted to another car crossing the junction with Winson Green Road by steering right'.

# Watson to address group on his role

AN MP will be speaking to members of a branch of the University of the Third Age about his role in the community.

Tom Watson, MP for West Bromwich East, will be giving a talk at a meeting of the Sandwell branch at West Bromwich Town Hall on May 12.

He will be speaking about 'How MPs make a difference' and will be answering questions.

The talk will run from 1.30pm to 4pm.

Membership of the U3A is for everyone over the age of 50 and not in full time employment.

Members aim to share their skills and interests in various study groups such as Spanish, Italian, music, lay reading. Latin, Tai Chi, theatre visits and walking, as well as all meeting together once a month.

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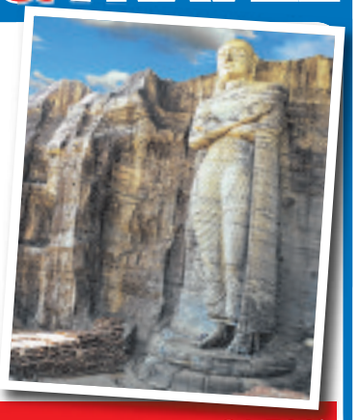

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# Nurse who followed in mother's footsteps

**BEING a staff nurse is a challenging and demanding role. Balancing that while raising three children is even harder. Yet this is something that Tsitsi Banza excels at.**

Tsitsi, aged 40, from West Bromwich, has been nursing since 1998, and has worked for Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust since 2001, when she moved over from Zimbabwe.

She said: "I always wanted to be a nurse, even when I was a child.

"My mum was a nurse, and seeing her in action really inspired me to follow her into nursing."

Tsitsi balances her home life with husband Paul and her three children aged six, 13 and 20, with working nights on D25 at City Hospital – a short stay surgical ward.

## Observations

Patients rarely stay on this ward longer than 72 hours, yet Tsitsi, while doing her ward observations, finds time to interact and get to know patients.

On NHS Change day in March, the Trust made an organisational pledge to adopt Dr Kate Granger's 'Hello my name is...' campaign across the Trust with every contact made starting with hello and a first name introduction.

Tsitsi was already ahead of the game as she explained: "I have always introduced myself to patients and enjoy conversations with them, as it helps them to feel more comfortable and by learning a little about them I can understand their needs better.

"I enjoy helping patients and seeing a change in them.

"When they come in some are very ill and it is fantastic to help make them feel better."

## NHS HEROES

**ONCE again we focus some of our time on the quiet heroes from a wide variety of backgrounds, doing a wide variety of jobs, in one of the Black Country's largest NHS organisations – Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust. It employs 7,500 people, many of whom live locally. Last year, the trust saw a patient on a face-to-face basis one and a half million times and provides care from 150 locations.**

**This week we highlight: staff nurse TSITSI BANZA**

Tsitsi enjoys the support of her colleagues, as they are full of admiration for her.

Her Senior Sister, Kim Kaur said: "She is never fazed by anything, and is well organised and a role model to the rest of us.

"The patients always speak really highly of her and she handles work and family pressures excellently.

"She was recently recognised on the ward for her fantastic attendance record, having not had a day off sick in five years.

"She was awarded a certificate and badge by our Chief Nurse Colin Ovington to acknowledge this achievement."

Tsitsi said: "I would like to thank the lord for keeping me healthy. If I had been ill I would not have come in, but I have felt well over the last five years."

"I want to continue with the work that I do, as I love helping patients and nursing them back to health."

When asked who inspires her, Tsitsi named one of her fellow colleagues, who was awarded 'Employee of the Year' in the Trust's annual award ceremony last October.

"Angela Hook, our ward clerk inspires me. She is always there to help everyone. She is very caring and supportive, both to our patients and colleagues.

"She certainly deserves her title."

Away from work, Tsitsi spends a lot of her time with her family, but also enjoys catching up with her mum, who still lives in Zimbabwe.

From two generations of nurses, there may well be a third if one of Tsitsi's children decides to follow in mum (and gran's) footsteps.

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# Interviews due for head's job

INTERVIEWS will be held later this month for the new headteacher's role at an outstanding academy school whose current chief was appointed one of a new group of education watchdogs.

Pank Patel, headteacher of the Wood Green Academy in Wednesbury since 2006, and a serving Ofsted inspector, has been appointed the first Regional Schools Commissioner for the area.

It will mean he will leave Wood Green later this year to take on the role, one of eight in the country which have salaries from £100,000-140,000-a-year.

The Wood Green Road school has been looking for his replacement in time for the start of the next academic year in September. The deadline was on Tuesday, and interviews are due to be held later this month.

The salary is from £83,061-£96,166.

# Lack of guidance for police chief role sparks criticism

**THE new wave of elected police chiefs were given a 'ridiculous' lack of information to help them do the job effectively, the one chosen for the West Midlands has said.**

By Daniel Wainwright

Bob Jones believes he has had an easier time than others in taking over responsibility for setting the force budget because he was on the old police authority that was scrapped to make way for his role.

But the Labour police and crime commissioner (PCC), one of dozens elected across the country in 2012, believes others were left to fend for themselves with just four days to prepare.

He spoke as an influential committee of MPs said commissioners were 'on probation' and had failed to get through to the public.

When they were first elected just 15 per cent of the population even bothered to vote. Prime Minister David Cameron wanted them to replace police authorities and make forces more accountable to the public.

But some commissioners have faced claims of nepotism when appointing colleagues.

Mr Jones, who was a councillor in Wolverhampton for many years, was always opposed to the idea of PCCs, deciding to run for the role himself because he saw accountability as 'crucial', even though he thought the model was 'extremely risky'.

Mr Jones said: "I came into the job with a background of having been a chairman of a police authority, so I was reasonably well informed.

"Others are coming into the position without this type of background. To have a four day handover period is absolutely ridiculous."

# Musical gems at charity show

A CHARITY's own music group is busy rehearsing for its next show later this month.

Being Heard, the music group of Birmingham-based charity Cerebral Palsy Midlands, will play on May 19.

Made up of people who use the charity's community centre in Harborne, the group will be performing A Walk through the West End, a collection of well-known songs from famous West End musicals, such as The Lion King and Whistle down the Wind.

The performance will run from 6.45pm-8pm at the charity's community centre, Victoria Road, Harborne. Tickets for the night are £3 and are available on the door. Carers go free.

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## Ann's smile *puts her in top gear*

WILLENHALL'S Ann Skitt retrieves her bike from the garage, deftly fixes a slipped chain, and is ready "to go anywhere."

A young–at-heart 75-year-old, she oozes charisma and charm, still goes to the gym "when she needs to shed a few pounds" and is the life and soul of the party at her local Young At Heart Club where she is a volunteer worker.

It's hard to imagine that his retired assembly worker could ever be knocked back. But failing teeth "became an embarrassment," she recalls. Recently she was fitted with implant-retained dentures, inspired by a newspaper article on Steven Burchell's work at the Denture Clinic.

She says: "You don't realise how having bad teeth can affect you until you have treatment like this and you get the confidence back. The whole shape of my mouth has changed. I could not have wished for better treatment. My care was first class and Steven has become like family to us."

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# Estate hit by raiders five times in just a fortnight

**FIVE burglaries have been recorded in two weeks at a rundown housing estate in Tividale. One of the cases at Trafalgar Court, situated off New Birmingham Road, has seen an intruder allegedly make off with all the resident's tools.**

There have also been reports of a stranger knocking on doors posing as a bogus official. However police say residents have been reluctant to come forward and speak to officers about possible criminal activity.

And it comes after officers said earlier in the year that the flats had now ended up in such a poor condition that police officers couldn't tell if reports of criminal damage were genuine when they attended the scene to carry out investigations.

The owner of eight out of nine blocks of flats, Trafalgar Court Property Ltd, has previously been fined thousands of pounds for continued failure on repairs.

One of the blocks of flats, out of nine there, is however well-maintained.

Sgt Sam Archer, who is responsible for the neighbourhood, said: "We have had five burglaries reported in two weeks on this estate.

## Representatives

"Tenants are reluctant to speak to us and assist police with inquiries."

A meeting took place on Friday to which Sandwell Council representatives, private landlords, representatives from the police's anti-social behaviour team, West Midlands Fire Service and Western Power Distribution were all invited.

The aim is to encourage residents to raise any concerns they have with the relevant agencies in confidence, so an action plan can be developed for improvements on the estate.

Sgt Archer added: "We will then knock on every flat on the estate giving them the opportunity to chat in confidence with any of the partners that attend."

She also said that it would remain at the top of the police's agenda in the neighbourhood, and the level of patrols around the area would be maintained in order to deter any would-be criminals.

# Festival backing

BIRMINGHAM entertainment venue The Arcadian is to be an official supporter of the city's annual comedy festival.

It houses The Glee Club and is owned by Kingswinford-based London & Cambridge Properties. Since launching in 2001, the Birmingham Comedy Festival has established itself as one of the city's most popular arts festivals, mixing established names with new talent. This year it will run from October 2 to 13.

Dave Freak, who founded the festival, said: "As well as being the home of The Glee Club for 20 years, the centre is also home to a variety of great bars, restaurants and other businesses."

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# Second City tunnels to close for six weeks

**WEEKS of closures of two of Birmingham city centre's tunnels will begin in July.**

The work is needed to replace behind-the-scenes technology which has been there since they opened, say bosses.

The second phase of the refurbishment of the St Chad's and Queensway tunnels through the city will mean the route is closed to all traffic from 10pm on July 18 until 6am on September 1.

Two weeks of overnight closures, from 10pm-6am, will be needed beforehand and a further four weeks of similar closures will then be in place.

Between 75,000 and 85,000 vehicles use the tunnels every day. During similar closures to the route last summer, more than 200,000 extra journeys were made on public transport as motorists could not use the tunnels.

Bosses say they will need commuters to make the same sacrifice again from July as the works cannot be avoided.

Standards

Transport chiefs say the overhaul is needed to install live traffic monitoring equipment, which will allow bosses to respond quicker to any accidents inside tunnels and avoid the familiar knock-on effect of long queues on the Aston Expressway and from the M6 motorway.

Electricity supplies first installed in the 1960s and untouched since, also need to be brought up to the latest European standards.

Jet fans will meanwhile be installed through the lining of the tunnels to ventilate car emissions.

That will be the most noticeable change visible to motorists after the work is completed as most of the improvements are behind the scenes and walls of the tunnels themselves.

The live traffic monitoring will detect any delays via a network of cameras and sensors which feed into a centre at Lancaster Circus. It will allow for electronic messages to be sent to drivers in the event of an accident, linked into traffic bulletins. Technology is being installed to allow for live traffic information to interrupt car radios and inform drivers as soon as accidents happen.

Eddie Fellows is the highways network manager for Amey, which has a 25-year contract to look after roads for the council. He said: "A large proportion of incidents happen inside the tunnels, we know. They have an effect on traffic flow so this will enable us to detect them sooner and respond."

From left, city council traffic manager Kevin Hicks and Amey's Ian Faddy

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Popular Vulcan will make an appearance (Picture: Andrew Brown)

Red Arrows' display (Picture: Jamie Hunter)

COMPETITION

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HAVING run for more than 20 years, and winning two major awards last year, the RAF Cosford Air Show is a popular day out with children and parking free.

The Chronicle series is giving readers the chance to attend this wonderful experience on Sunday, June 8 with eight pairs of tickets to be won.

Whether it's reminiscing about the 'Good Old Days' while watching the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight or standing in awe of the Red Arrows who are celebrating their 50th Anniversary, the six-hour flying display holds delights for all.

Other military aircraft in the flying display are the RAF Chinook and Army Apache taking part in an exciting demonstration of their combat capabilities along with the Tucano displaying in a special 'Lest We Forget' paint scheme. Civilian aircraft include the Breitling Wing Walkers, the Canberra PR9 and the ever popular Vulcan.

There is a large indoor craft fair along with three hangars containing interactive displays showcasing the best of both the Royal Air Force and local organisations, including open aircraft allowing you to sit in the cockpits.

### Arena

Outside there will be a funfair, arena displays including Field Gun teams, food vendors and traders.

Tickets are £20 in advance, £25 on the day (cash only and subject to availability) and free for children under 16 when they are accompanied by an adult. Car parking is free.

Tickets can be purchased at www.cosfordairshow.co.uk or by calling the credit/debit card 24-hour ticket line: 0871 230 1083 (calls are 10p per min plus network charges). All profits go to local and service charities.

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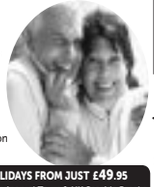

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# A history of the Bodfish family tree

**MY TIME OVER 50S**

THE April meeting commenced with a talk from Mary Bodfish entitled "Singularities of Bodfish".

This talk was all about the Bodfish family tree. As a teenager Mary was shown four marriage certificates by her father, the earliest being the wedding in 1838 in Tadmarton near Banbury, of her great great grandfather John Bodfish. As a result, Mary was completely hooked on researching her family tree.

She went further back in time following the name back to Northamptonshire. In the 1980s Mary was contacted by Ralph Bodfish from California who was looking to link the American Bodfishes to the English line. A Robert Bodfish had emigrated to Massachusetts a short time after the Mayflower had landed.

The family name gradually spread across America to California, with a Bodfish Park in Barnstable, Massachusetts, and a Bodfish town in California. The name even migrated north with the whaling fleet into Alaska.

Mary's research shows that anyone, anywhere with the Bodfish name is from the one English family.

The Bodfish name has also been found in Macclesfield taking the name back to the 12th century.

Thanks were given to Mary for such an interesting talk and introducing some very entertaining ancestors.

# Sausage making demo by butchers

Butchers Steve, left, and Mark Turner

**PELSALL 'E' TG**

THE outing on April 16 was to Ashbourne in Derbyshire. The first stop was at Fairway Garden Centre for a browse and shop before moving on to Ashbourne town centre for lunch.

Carsington Water was the afternoon venue.

At the guild meeting on April 17 the formal opening section included reports from the treasurer and the Lunch Club and Walking Groups.

Speakers for the evening, Mark and Steve Turner, Pelsall's local award-winning Butchers, gave a talk on their family history and meat in general, which they followed with a sausage making demonstration.

Four members tried their hands at sausage making and after much laughter at their efforts, were allowed to take their 'produce' home. The remainder of the sausages were sold in aid of the Air Ambulance charity which, together with the Mark & Steve's donation of their fee, raised £90.

Carol Manlove and Pat Westwood were joint winners of the monthly competition for the most popular decorative plate, and Hilda Craddock won the raffle.

# Outgoing committee praised

**BLACKHEATH M TWG**

THE meeting was opened by chairman Marlene Stratton who welcomed all members and visitors.

Marlene thanked the outgoing committee members for their work over the years and each one was presented with a thank you card and a lovely rose bush. Beryl who is not retiring was given a china plant pot.

After guild business the chairman introduced the day's speaker John Billingham.

His talk was 'Images of Worcestershire, with slides included views of places like Newnham Bridge, the bridge over the river and of the cathedral. Beryl Hartley gave the vote of thanks. The next meeting is on Wednesday, May at the Moose Hall, Beeches Road, Blackheath, at 10.30am.

# Wheel of fashion spins into square

**COMMERCIAL FEATURE**

**THOUSANDS of prizes to be won – you could even become fashion royalty!**

New Square Shopping Centre in West Bromwich is giving away thousands of prizes this week – with one lucky winner being named Fashion King or Queen of the Square!

Taking place on Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17 shoppers will be invited to take a spin on The Wheel of Fashion to be in with a chance of winning one of the thousands of prizes including shopping vouchers, cinema tickets, meals and a grand prize worth £300!

## Inspired

All those who spin The Wheel of Fashion will be entered into a draw to win the grand prize. The winner, who will be picked at random will be crowned Fashion King or Queen of New Square and enjoy a fashionable day and night at the shopping centre.

The prize includes £300 shopping vouchers, lunch, dinner, free parking and cinema tickets. The game show-inspired wheel will be on a specially-designed stage within the mall area of the shopping centre and will be open from 11am-3pm.

Shoppers, aged 16 and over will take to the stage for their turn on The Wheel of Fashion, whatever space they land on will determine if they win a prize.

Steve Burr, Centre Manager at New Square said: "The Wheel of Fashion celebrates New Square's exciting fashion, beauty and entertainment offering, with a host of prizes from River Island, Odeon, Outfit Fashion, Nando's, Tesco, JD Sports, Primark and Bank."

Go for the summery look with this outfit by Dorothy Perkins

Topman helps to wrap up the latest fashions on sale at New Square

## Panic break out at the Civic Hall

LAS Vegas rock band Panic! At The Disco follow up the top ten success of latest album Too Weird To Love, Too Rare To Die by bringing The Gospel Tour to Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Saturday.

Tickets cost £24.75 to see Brendon Urie and co in action at the Civic with a bundle of high-energy, synth-led anthems as the band tour in their own right after supporting Fall Out Boy.

Last year was the most successful yet for the MTV favourites who grabbed attention in 2005 with their debut album A Fever You Can't Sweat Out and the hit single I Write Sins Not Tragedies. Too Weird is their fourth album.

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## Theatre on song for Sister Act

TICKETS have gone on sale for the West Midlands amateur premiere of musical comedy Sister Act.

West Bromwich Operatic Society are staging the Midlands premiere of nun on the run musical Sister Act at the Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton, from Tuesday to Saturday.

Based on the popular 1992 film starring Whoopi Goldberg, it tells of a nightclub singer who hides from gangsters in a convent, and decides to bring a little soul power to the nuns' choir.

Tasheka Coe stars and tickets cost from £13.50. Visit www.wbos.co.uk

# Prince leads rock and pop royalty in week of star gigs

**ONE of the most influential rock/R&B acts of the past three decades Prince is back with his first Birmingham gigs of the 21st Century.**

The Kiss and Purple Rain star left fans to scramble for tickets (£65 each) with a shock announcement of UK gigs just over a fortnight before he plays the LG Arena for the first time in 19 years, on May 15 and again on May 19.

Following a series of low-key 'guerilla' UK gigs in February, the unpredictable singer-songwriter from Minneapolis will be bringing his all-female band 3rdEyeGirl on tour after announcing the imminent arrival of his new album Plectrum Electrum.

That will form part of an exceptional week of concerts at the LG and NIA with Roar hit-maker Katy Perry at the LG on Tuesday and Wednesday with her Prismatic World Tour. It marks part of the Californian pop star's year-long global jaunt and in Birmingham she will be supported by Swedish synth pop duo Icona Pop.

Then on Friday, May 16, Bangerz babe Miley Cyrus, who has put a Wrecking Ball through memories of Hannah Montana with her twerking antics, is at the NIA. That's the same night that The X Factor 2011 winners Little Mix are at the LG following the release of second album Salute and their Sports Relief Cameo cover hit Word Up!

Young queen of quirk Janelle Monae is supported by Cody Chestnutt at Birmingham Institute tonight. Yorkshire rock band Embrace have made a triumphant comeback with Follow You Home and are in concert on Saturday at Birmingham Academy.

There are opportunities to catch up with several performers that made their names in the 1980s and 90s. Tonight crooner Michael Bolton, now minus his mullet but still able to deliver a powerful ballad, is in concert at Wolverhampton Civic Hall with a combination of old favourites and songs from his new Motown tribute album Ain't No Mountain High Enough.

Influential Liverpudlian band Echo & The Bunnymen follow up new single Lovers On The Run and forthcoming album Meteorites at the Wulfrun Hall on Sunday. Hits such as The Cutter, Lips Like Sugar and The Killing Moon will likely get an airing.

Prince returns to Birmingham after 19 years

Singer-songwriter Toris Amos is at Birmingham Symphony Hall on Monday showcasing new album Unrepetant Geraldines. Ex-lead singer of The Go-Gos Belinda Carlisle, who had solo hits in 1987 with Circle In The Sand and Heaven Is A Place On Earth, has a sold out gig on Tuesday at Birmingham Town Hall. That's the same night folk/pop outfit Martin Stephenson and The Daintees are at the Academy 3. Ex-Bible frontman Boo Hewerdine plays Wolverhampton Slade Rooms on Wednesday.

## Oh Boy! Grand on Holly days

BUDDY – The Buddy Holly Story recreates the roots of rock 'n' roll at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from Monday, May 19, to May 24, as the show celebrates its own silver anniversary.

The meteoric rise and untimely death of the Rave On and Peggy Sue rocker from Texas, who once rivalled Elvis and went on to influence The Beatles, is covered in the two-hour show featuring 20 hits with Roger Rowley as Buddy.

Ben Richards plays arrogant rock god Stacee Jaxx in Rock of Ages The Musical, also featuring Noel Sullivan, which features lots of 1980s power ballads from We Built This City to I Wanna Know What Love Is.

It struts into Birmingham to play The New Alexandra Theatre from Monday to Saturday, May 19.

Roger Rowley as Buddy Holly in a musical of his life

## Lord of the Flies in dance revamp

A HARD-HITTING dance production devised by one of the scene's great talents and featuring several Black Country boys will be a highlight of International Dance Festival Birmingham 2014.

Matthew Bourne's company New Adventures bring Lord of the Flies, based on the novel by William Golding, to Birmingham Hippodrome from Wednesday to Saturday, May 14-17.

The professional dancers will be joined by 22 young amateurs chosen from more than 300 hopefuls.

The powerful story about schoolboys descending into savagery has been relocated by Bourne from an island to a deserted theatre setting.

## Wolf Alice ready to rock the Temple

THERE'S a buzz about London rockers Wolf Alice, fronted by Ellie Rowsell, and that's not just the ringing left in your ears by their explosive grunge style sound.

The band named after an Angela Carter short story emptied the bars at the recent Wolverhampton gig by The Manic Street Preachers when they pulled a massive crowd for a support act.

They are touring again before the release of EP Creature Songs in June and play Birmingham Institute's Temple venue in Digbeth on Monday. Call 0844 844 0444 for tickets.

## CHOICE

Molly

**Eurovision Song Contest 2014**
**(BBC1, 8pm)**
Graham Norton commentates on the 59th musical extravaganza from Copenhagen, Denmark, who won last year with Emmelie de Forest's Only Teardrops. All eyes will be on Molly, who is aiming to become the first UK winner since 1997 with her self-penned anthem Children of the Universe, and Ireland's Can-Linn featuring Kasey Smith – assuming the latter made it through Thursday's semi-final. They are likely to face stiff competition from the other 24 countries, including the host nation's Basim with his Bruno Mars-style Cliche Love Song, the German trio Elaiza, who use traditional instruments to produce a more modern sound, and France's Twin Twin, who bring to mind Jedward with their fun dance track Moustache.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Football Focus. **12.10** BBC News; Weather. **12.20** Live Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix Qualifying. Coverage from the Circuit de Catalunya in Barcelona (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **3.30** Monkey Planet. (R) **4.30 Film:** Bolt. (2008) Animated adventure, with the voice of John Travolta.

**6.00 BBC News**; Regional News; Weather.

**6.20 Pointless Celebrities.** Eurovision edition, featuring former Bucks Fizz stars Cheryl Baker and Mike Nolan, Johnny Logan and Dana – who both won the title for Ireland – and Sonia.

**7.10 The National Lottery: In It to Win It.** Dale Winton presents the quiz show in which five contestants pit their wits to scoop a big cash prize.

**8.00 Eurovision Song Contest 2014.** Graham Norton commentates on the 59th musical extravaganza from Copenhagen, Denmark, who won last year with Emmelie de Forest's Only Teardrops. All eyes will be on Molly, who is aiming to become the first UK winner since 1997 with her self-penned anthem Children of the Universe, and Ireland's Can-Linn featuring Kasey Smith – assuming the latter made it through Thursday's semi-final. They are likely to face stiff competition from the other 24 countries, including the host nation's Basim with his Bruno Mars-style Cliche Love Song, the German trio Elaiza, who use traditional instruments to produce a more modern sound, and France's Twin Twin, who bring to mind Jedward with their fun dance track Moustache. Fans of The X Factor will recognise the Spanish act Ruth Lorenzo, who came fifth in the 2008 contest, Axel Hirsoux may well become Belgium's answer to Paul Potts with his ballad Mother, and Austria's entry is a man posing as a bearded lady. It really does take all sorts. Red button viewers will be able to access lyrics to all songs and send comments.

**11.25 BBC News**; Weather.; National Lottery Update.

**11.45 Agnetha: Abba & After.** The story of Agnetha Faltskog's music career as both a member of the Swedish pop group and a successful solo singer, featuring interviews with Bjorn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson. (R)

**12.45 Film:** Once. (2006) **2.05** Weatherview. **2.10** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00 Film:** The Dark Mirror. (1946) **7.25** Great British Menu. (R) **7.55** Great British Menu. (R) **8.25** Great British Menu. (R) **8.55** Great British Menu. (R) **9.25** Great British Menu. (R) **9.55** Live Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix – Practice Three. **11.05** Coast. (R) **11.30** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) **12.15** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) **1.00** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) **1.45** Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers. **1.50** Deborah Kerr: Talking Pictures. **2.25 Film:** From Here to Eternity. (1953) **4.20 Film:** The Prisoner of Zenda. (1952)

**6.00 Natural World: The Pygmy Hippo – A Very Secret Life.** Australian ecologist Wei-Yeen Yap travels to a remote part of the West African rainforest to investigate the life and habits of the endangered species. (R)

**7.00 Flog It!** Will Axon and Michael Baggot are at Coventry Cathedral, where the experts value items brought in by members of the public . Presented by Paul Martin.

**8.00 Dad's Army.** Jones's reputation is called into question by an old comrade's allegations about his conduct at the Battle of Omdurman in Sudan. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe and Clive Dunn. (R)

**8.30 Pop Go the Women: The Other Story of Pop Art – A Culture Show Special.** Alastair Sooke tracks down women involved in the pop art movement of the 1950s and 60s, including Pauline Boty, Marisol, Rosalyn Drexler, Idelle Weber and Jann Haworth.

**9.30 Generation War: Our Mothers, Our Fathers.** Wilhelm is sent to serve in a punitive battalion, Charlotte's hospital is overrun by the Red Army, and Dorn asks Greta to testify that he helped Viktor escape. Last in the series. Generation War: Fact and Fiction follows.

**11.05 Generation War: Fact and Fiction.** Martha Kearney chairs a discussion of issues raised by the Second World War German drama, looking at its historical accuracy and the controversy it has caused.

**11.45 Film: Telstar: The Joe Meek Story.** (2008) Biopic charting the career of the influential 1960s record producer, who was ultimately brought down by depression and paranoia. With Con O'Neill and Pam Ferris.

**1.40** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Dino Dan. **6.10** Dino Dan. (R) **6.25** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.20** Digimon Fusion. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Adventure Time. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News; Weather. **11.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **12.25 Film:** Beethoven's 2nd. (1993) **2.05** Peter Andre's 60 Minute Makeover. (R) **3.05** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **4.05** Off Their Rockers. (R) **4.35** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R) **5.35** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.

**6.00 Let Me Entertain You.** Viewers' clips, featuring a lip-synching showdown between cheerleaders and farmers on Icona Pop's I Love It, and renditions of hits by Daft Punk and One Direction.

**6.30 New You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill puts his own spin on viewers' clips, featuring a hunt for mosquitos, the 60 Minute Makeover team demolishing a house and a superhuman child wrecking his mother's kitchen.

**7.00 Britain's Got Talent.** Ant and Dec present the fifth audition show, as the judges – Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon – give their verdicts on more of the nation's best, and worst, performers. Queuing up to take the stage, acts of all ages and abilities are determined to prove they're worthy of the £250,000 cash prize and a slot at the Royal Variety Performance.

**8.00 Amazing Greys.** Young contestants take on accomplished pensioners, including former England striker Geoff Hurst and Mastermind winner Liz Horrocks.

**9.00 Prey.** The hunt gains momentum when Reinhardt receives a tip-off about Farrow's location, while the fugitive suspects someone close to home may have information about Abi and Max's deaths. (R)

**10.00 The Americans.** Philip and Elizabeth infiltrate a rebel training base and attend the church to which Paige has donated all her savings.

**10.50 ITV News**; Weather.

**11.05 Film: The Eiger Sanction.** (1975) An assassin-turned-academic is blackmailed into returning to his old career to eliminate a spy. Action adventure, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood.

**1.25** Jackpot247. **3.00** Dinner Date: Australia. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

## CHANNEL 4

**6.05** The Hoobs. (R) **6.30** Trans World Sport. **7.30** The Grid. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Weekend Kitchen. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **11.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.35** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Ascot, Lingfield Park and Haydock Park. **4.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)

**6.15 Come Dine with Me.** Recruitment boss Duncan Powell hosts the final dinner party in Newport, Gwent, and hopes his Hawaiian-themed evening will impress his guests enough to win the prize. Unfortunately for him, prawn brains and sea bass bones harm his chances of success, so the confident cook tries to rescue the evening with a lemon posset. (R)

**6.40 Channel 4 News.**

**7.05 Film: The Day the Earth Stood Still.** (2008) An alien arrives on Earth, accompanied by an awesomely powerful robot, on a fateful mission – to decide if the human race deserves to continue – and if not, to wipe it out. The visitor is imprisoned in a military facility, but a scientist helps him escape, hoping to prove that mankind is worth saving. Sci-fi drama remake, starring Keanu Reeves and Jennifer Connelly.

**9.00 Film: Man on a Ledge.** (2012) Premiere. An escaped convict climbs onto the outside of a skyscraper and threatens to jump. The police psychologist sent to talk him down begins to suspect there is an agenda behind this suspicious-seeming suicide bid, while the prisoner's brother takes advantage of the ensuing chaos to carry out a plan of his own. Thriller, with Sam Worthington, Jamie Bell, Elizabeth Banks and Ed Harris.

**11.00 Film: Beverly Hills Cop.** (1984) A Detroit cop goes to Los Angeles to track down the killers of his friend, who are working for an untouchable drug kingpin. Comedy thriller, with Eddie Murphy and Judge Reinhold.

**1.00** The Big Dirty List Show: 50 Years of Sex and Music. The most seductive songs from the past 50 years. (R) **2.30** Hollyoaks. Omnibus. (R) **4.30** SuperScrimpers' Challenge. (R) **5.25** The Hoobs. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers Super Samurai. (R) **10.35** Power Rangers Megaforce. (R) **11.00** Meerkat Manor. (R) **11.25** The Dog Rescuers. (R) **11.55** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.55** Bloody Tales of the Tower. (R) **1.55 Film:** Submarine X-1. (1967) Second World War adventure, starring James Caan. **3.40 Film:** Torpedo Run. (1958) Second World War adventure, starring Glenn Ford. **5.35** 5 News Weekend. **5.40 Film:** Attack on the Iron Coast. (1968) Second World War drama, starring Lloyd Bridges.

**7.25 Film: Battle of Britain.** (1969) In 1940, the Luftwaffe launches a campaign of aerial attacks against Britain to gain control of the skies ahead of a planned land invasion. Under the leadership of Air Chief Marshal Hugh Dowding, the RAF mounts a determined defence over the summer and autumn, despite being heavily outnumbered and forced to match inexperienced pilots against German veterans. Second World War drama, starring Laurence Olivier, Michael Caine, Robert Shaw, Christopher Plummer, Harry Andrews, Trevor Howard and Curt Jurgens. Edited for violence and language.

**10.00 Live International Boxing.** Kid Galahad v Fred Mundraby. Coverage of the bout for the vacant Commonwealth Super Bantamweight title, which comes from Ponds Forge in Sheffield.

**12.00** SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.10** GPs: Behind Closed Doors. Dr Ferdinand has to break the news of a woman's dementia to her children, while Dr Trinh fears a patient is putting herself at risk of a stroke by not taking blood pressure tablets. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. The work of volunteers at an animal sanctuary. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. Josh prepares for an important meeting with the venue owner. Suraj's new break-time rule is ignored by his colleagues. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. Double bill. Ralph hogs the limelight at the Funky Festival by preventing the other acts from turning up. Chipolata awaits the delivery of her birthday presents. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. Wendy is scared of Fatima's mum because of her clothes. (R) **5.10** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. Angel Rafe uses musical instruments to show the children how to get along, in a bid to stop them from picking on each other for being different. (R) **5.30** The Funky Valley Show. Double bill. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**
**7.00** Top Gear **8.00 Film:** Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (2003) **10.15** Russell Howard's Good News **11.00** Family Guy **1.15** American Dad! **2.00** Sweat the Small Stuff **2.30** Some Girls **4.00** Close

**BBC Four**
**7.00** Britain's Natural World – A Highland Haven **8.00** Byzantium: A Tale of Three Cities **9.00** Alan Bennett at 80: Bennett Meets Hytner **10.00** Talking Heads **11.30** The Many Faces of Les Dawson **12.30** Top of the Pops: 1979 **1.10** Sounds of the 70s **1.40** Byzantium: A Tale of Three Cities **2.40** Britain's Natural World – A Highland Haven **3.40** Close

**ITV2**
**11.00** Tom Daley Goes Global **12.05** Britain's Got Talent **1.25** Britain's Got More Talent **2.35** You've Been Framed! **3.40** Totally You've Been Framed! **4.40** You've Been Framed! **5.10 Film:** Star Wars: Episode II – Attack of the Clones (2002) **8.00** Britain's Got More Talent **9.00** You've Been Framed! Top 100 Talent **10.00** Celebrity Juice **10.50** Viral Tap **11.35** Britain's Got Talent **12.40** Britain's Got More Talent **1.40** Dads **2.25** Life's Funniest Moments **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

**ITV3**
**12.35** A Touch of Frost **2.40** Agatha Christie's Marple **4.45** Foyle's War **6.55** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Touched By Frost: Goodbye Jack **10.00** A Touch of Frost **12.20** Inspector Morse **2.15** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

**ITV4**
**11.00** Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Delhi Daredevils v Sunrisers Hyderabad and Mumbai Indians v Chennai Super Kings. **8.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights **9.00** Cycling: Women's Tour of Britain **10.00 Film:** Game of Death (2010) **12.10 Film:** Backdraft (1991) **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30** The Store **5.00** Teleshopping

**E4**
**11.00** The Mindy Project **11.30** Rules of Engagement **2.00** How I Met Your Mother **3.00** The Big Bang Theory **4.00** Made in Chelsea **5.00** Youngers **5.35** How I Met Your Mother **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** The Tomorrow People **9.00 Film:** The Dilemma (2011) **11.15** The Big Bang Theory **12.15** The Inbetweeners **1.20** Rude Tube 2012 **2.25** 2 Broke Girls **3.15** How I Met Your Mother **3.55** Made in Chelsea **4.50** Ugly Betty

**Film4**
**11.00** An Elephant Called Slowly (1970) **1.00** Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (2004) **3.05** James and the Giant Peach (1996) **4.35** Earthquake (1974) **6.55** St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) **9.00** Premonition (2007) **10.55** Wanted (2008) **1.00** Re-Animator (1985) **3.00** Close

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## CHOICE

Suranne Jones and Anthony Gabriel

**The Crimson Field (BBC1, 9pm)**
Joan is charged with aiding the enemy, a crime for which she could face a lifetime in prison, and in her desperation to protect Anton, she tries to deflect Col Purbright's questions. As news of her treachery spreads through the hospital, Roland is accused of letting the rules slide, while Kitty is racked with guilt that she did nothing to stop her. Peter is reunited with his brother Jimmy, only to discover his sibling is frightened of war, and Rosalie feels conflicted after finding out about Kitty's divorce. First World War medical drama, starring Suranne Jones, Richard Rankin, Stephan Luca, Jeremy Swift, Alice St Clair, Oona Chaplin, Marianne Oldham and Hermione Norris.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Live Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix. Coverage from the Circuit de Catalunya in Barcelona (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.15** Final Score. **5.30** Points of View. **5.45** Songs of Praise.

**6.30 BBC News**; Regional News; Weather.

**7.00 Countryfile.** A visit to Lee Valley, which has provided a rural getaway for city dwellers in London, Essex and Hampshire for more than four decades. Ellie Harrison searches the area for wildlife and finds out what is being done to clean up its chalk streams, and Matt Baker meets the Sicilian siblings who have turned salad-growing into a thriving family business. Ellie also joins RNLI volunteers as they carry out essential flood-training exercises at the Olympic Water Park. On the farm, Adam Henson is searching for a new Gloucester bull to improve his herd, and Tom Heap searches for proof that climate change is affecting the British countryside. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

**8.00 Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce and the experts pay a second visit to Exeter Cathedral, where more hopeful members of the public bring along treasured antiques and collectibles to hear their stories and find out their worth. Items include Chinese objects that reveal a family secret, artworks by the sculptor Elisabeth Frink, a doll that turns out to be one of the earliest ever featured on the show, and a map of the Battle of Waterloo drawn by an eyewitness.

**9.00 The Crimson Field.** Joan is interrogated by Col Purbright after being charged with aiding the enemy and Kitty feels guilty that she did nothing to stop her colleague. Last in the series.

**10.00 BBC News**; Regional News; Weather.

**10.25 Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the final Premier League matches of the season.

**11.55 The Millionaire Preacher: Reggie Yates' Extreme South Africa.** The presenter examines the boom in Pentecostal "mega-churches" across the country by spending a week with millionaire Prophet Mboro.

**12.55** Weatherview. **1.00** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.05 Film:** His Kind of Woman. (1951) **8.00** Countryfile. (R) **9.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team. **1.00 Film:** An Ideal Husband. (1999) Oscar Wilde comedy drama, starring Cate Blanchett. **2.30** Badminton Horse Trials. Live coverage of the final day from Gloucestershire. **4.30** Inspire: The Olympic Journey. **5.00** Flog It!

**6.00 Escape to the Continent.** Documentary following people from Britain who are considering a move to Europe as they get a taste of life abroad, being shown competitively priced homes, amenities, potential employment openings and leisure opportunities. They also receive information about issues such as property law, local taxation and healthcare.

**7.00 Australia with Simon Reeve.** The author and adventurer continues his Australian journey in Kakadu, the country's largest national park, where he works through the night with a team committed to culling the poisonous feral cane toads that are threatening the region's wildlife. He then learns how to survive off the land using ancient Aboriginal knowledge as he heads out on patrol with a unique military unit in the remote northern Bush, before attempting to catch box jellyfish on Cape York Peninsula with a group of scientists who believe the species' deadly venom may have medicinal qualities. (R)

**8.00 The Best of Top Gear.** The team looks back at highlights of the motoring series, including the fastest new models and the most desirable classics.

**9.00 The Comedy Vaults: BBC Two's Hidden Treasure.**

**10.00 QI XL.** Stephen Fry hosts an extended version of the quiz with a difference, with Julia Zemiro, Tim Vine, Rob Brydon and Alan Davies answering questions on the theme of jolly.

**10.45 Film: A Beautiful Mind.** (2001) Biopic of brilliant mathematician John Nash, whose genius was compromised by paranoid delusions and schizophrenia. Oscar-winning drama, starring Russell Crowe and Paul Bettany.

**12.55 Film:** Expired. (2007) **2.35** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **3.30** Holby City. (R) **4.30** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Dino Dan. **6.10** Dino Dan. (R) **6.25** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.20** Digimon Fusion. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Big Time Rush. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **10.25 Film:** Columbo: Butterfly in Shades of Grey. (1993) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** Big Star's Little Star. (R) **1.35** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **2.20** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **3.20** Let Me Entertain You. (R) **3.50** You've Been Framed! (R) **4.20** Midsomer Murders. (R)

**6.20 Regional Programme;** Weather.

**6.30 ITV News**; Weather.

**6.45 Catchphrase.** Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which three contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000.

**7.30 Off Their Rockers.** Seb learns the provocative dance move of twerking and gets tied to a lamppost, Rosie strips to reveal rather unusual undergarments and Sonia's sat-nav has a mind of its own.

**8.00 Vera.** The body of a man killed by a single gunshot wound is discovered on the moors and a burnt-out truck containing the remains of a deer is found a mile away. Joe is convinced the case is a poaching war gone wrong, but for Vera, the truth is never that straightforward. Delving into the victim's story, she unearths a sad childhood in the country and a troubled life in the city, scraping by as a novelist. Following the recent death of his grandfather, he returned to Northumberland after a 15-year absence to sell his inheritance to a wealthy couple – but pulled out of the deal at the last minute. Could his death be linked to a dispute over land? Brenda Blethyn and David Leon star in the murder mystery.

**10.00 Perspectives – Under My Skin: Emeli Sande in Search of Frida Kahlo.** The singer visits Mexico City to find out how her heroine overcame illness and a serious traffic accident to establish herself as one of the world's best-known female artists.

**11.00 ITV News**; Weather.

**11.15 Premiership Rugby Union.**

**12.10** The Store. **2.40** Motorsport UK. **3.30** ITV Nightscreen. **4.10** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **5.05** Rory Bremner's Great British Views. (R)

## CHANNEL 4

**6.15** British GT. **6.40** How I Met Your Mother. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.35** Secret Eaters. (R) **1.40** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.40** The Simpsons. (R) **3.10 Film:** Ever After: A Cinderella Story. (1998) **5.30** Deal or No Deal.

**6.30 Channel 4 News.**

**7.00 Posh Pawn.** Former model Cathy brings in her collection of designer bags and jewellery, hoping to secure a £50,000 loan to help her launch a lingerie business, while Prestige boss James Constantinou attracts unwanted attention when he goes for a spin in a client's Ferrari. A woman wants to pawn her grandfather's First World War medals to raise money for her mother's funeral, and an inventor decides to part with his precious watch. (R)

**8.00 For the Love of Cars.** From its revolutionary design and front-wheel drive, to its conquering record as a track and rally car, the Mini Cooper Mk1 was the small car with the big heart driven by royalty, 1960s superstars and ordinary members of the public. Ant Anstead tracks one down at the back of a barn in Dublin and gets to work restoring the vehicle to its former glory, while Philip Glenister meets Formula 1 legend Stirling Moss, who takes a Mini for a spin around one of the nation's most dangerous roads.

**9.00 Fargo.** When Gus tries to right a wrong, Malvo embraces his alter ego, while Lester finds himself in a surprising situation and Molly uncovers a promising lead in the murder investigation. Black comedy-drama based on the Coen brothers' Oscar-winning film, starring Martin Freeman.

**10.05 Film: Season of the Witch.** (2011) Two knights escort a suspected witch to trial during the Black Death, but are not prepared for the powers she possesses. Fantasy adventure, with Nicolas Cage and Ron Perlman.

**11.55 Film: Underworld: Evolution.** (2006) A vampire warrior fights to stop the eldest of her race from unleashing the deadly first werewolf on the world. Action fantasy, starring Kate Beckinsale.

**1.45** Southland. **2.30** The Hotel. (R) **3.30** Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners. (R) **4.25** SuperScrimpers. (R) **4.50** Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites. (R) **4.55** Deal or No Deal. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.20** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.35** City of Friends. (R) **7.50** Little Princess. (R) **8.00** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.15** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **8.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.35** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.40** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** Access. **10.05** The Dog Rescuers. (R) **10.40** Beware! Cowboy Builders. (R) **11.40** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **12.40 Film:** Mrs Caldicot's Cabbage War. (2003) Comedy drama, starring Pauline Collins. **2.50 Film:** The Canterville Ghost. (1996) Supernatural comedy, starring Patrick Stewart. **4.40 Film:** Pocahontas. (1995)

**6.10 5 News Weekend.**

**6.15 Film: Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls.** (1995) The eccentric pet detective is coaxed out of exile in a Buddhist monastery to search for a missing sacred bat in the African jungle. Comedy sequel, with Jim Carrey and Simon Callow. Edited for language and sexual content.

**8.00 Film: The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen.** (2003) Characters from the world of Victorian literature join forces to stop a villain from starting a world war. Comic-book fantasy adventure, starring Sean Connery and Shane West. Edited for violence.

**10.00 Film: The Bucket List.** (2007) Two terminally ill men plan to enjoy the time they have left by working through a list of things they have always wanted to do. Comedy, starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman.

**11.50 The Woman with 40 Cats – and Other Pet Hoarders.** Documentary giving an insight into the lives of people whose love of animals has become an obsession, including a retired secretary who shares her home with 40 cats. (R)

**12.50** True Crimes: The First 72 Hours. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **3.10** 7/7 Commuter Carnage: Minute by Minute. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.30** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**
**7.00** Formula 1: The Spanish Grand Prix – Highlights **7.40 Film:** Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (2006) **10.00** In the Flesh **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad! **12.10** Jonah from Tonga **12.40** In the Flesh **1.40** The Call Centre **2.40** Great Movie Mistakes: Revenge of the Fifth **3.00** In the Flesh **4.00** Close

**BBC Four**
**7.00 Film:** The Wooden Horse (1950) **8.45** Wild Scotland **9.00** An Englishman Abroad **10.00** The Sky at Night **10.30** Dinner at Noon **11.10** Krakatoa Revealed **12.00** The Wonder of Bees with Martha Kearney **12.30** When Rock Goes Acoustic **1.30** Acoustic at the BBC **2.30** The Rolling Stones at the BBC **3.15** Sounds of the 70s **3.45** Close

**ITV2**
**12.20** You've Been Framed! **12.55 Film:** The Iron Giant (1999) **2.40 Film:** Zookeeper (2011) **4.40** Britain's Got Talent **5.45** Britain's Got More Talent **6.45** You've Been Framed! **7.15 Film:** Star Wars: Episode III – Revenge of the Sith (2005) **10.00** Viral Tap **10.50 Film:** License to Wed (2007) **12.40** Viral Tap **1.20** You've Been Framed and Famous! **2.15** The Vampire Diaries **3.00** Teleshopping

**ITV3**
**12.50** Bertie and Elizabeth **2.55** Rosemary & Thyme **3.55 Film:** Black Beauty (1994) **5.45** Inspector Morse **8.00** The Zoo **9.00** Birds of a Feather **9.30** Vicious **10.05 Film:** Seabiscuit (2003) **12.55** William and Mary **1.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **3.40** Emmerdale

**ITV4**
**11.00** Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Kings XI Punjab v Kolkata Knight Riders and Royal Challengers Bangalore v Rajasthan Royals. **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Cycling: Women's Tour of Britain **10.00 Film:** Tin Cup (1996) **12.45** Warren United **1.15** Back on the Job: Christian O'Connell **2.15** Motorway Patrol **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30** The Store **5.00** Teleshopping

**E4**
**12.30** Youngers **1.00** Made in Chelsea **2.05** Revenge **3.00** How I Met Your Mother **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **5.00** The Tomorrow People **6.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Troy **8.00 Film:** Crocodile Dundee II (1988) **10.15** The Inbetweeners **11.25** The Big Bang Theory **12.20** Rude Tube 2012 **1.20** Troy **2.20** Rules of Engagement **3.10** 2 Broke Girls **3.30** Hollyoaks

**Film4**
**11.00** The Black Tent (1956) **1.00** Crocodile Dundee (1986) **2.50** Horton Hears a Who! (2008) **4.35** Home Alone 2: Lost in New York (1992) **6.55** 27 Dresses (2008) **9.00** Bridesmaids (2011) **11.25** Mona Lisa (1986) **1.30** We Went to War (2012) **3.15** Close


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## Film Choices

**MONDAY**
**Trial by Fire, Channel 5, 3.15pm**
A firefighter is wrongly blamed for the death of her father, hours before he was due to retire from the department. Eager to prove herself to her peers, she sets out to join an elite squad of smoke jumpers who are expected to leap from planes into the heart of a blaze. Action thriller, starring Brooke Burns, Erin Karpluk, Rick Ravanello and Robert Moloney. (2008)

**TUESDAY**
**Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, ITV, 7.30pm**
The young wizard struggles to convince his fellow sorcerers that the evil Lord Voldemort has returned to life. When Hogwarts headmaster Dumbledore is ousted in favour of a sadistic replacement, Harry realises he must take matters into his own hands, uniting his fellow pupils to form a secret army and training them for the inevitable confrontation to come. Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Gary Oldman, Michael Gambon and Alan Rickman. (2007)

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, Tuesday, ITV, 7.30pm

**WEDNESDAY**
**Tomorrow Never Dies, ITV, 10.35pm**
James Bond joins forces with a Chinese agent to foil a media mogul's scheme to start a war between their countries. Using an undetectable stealth ship, the press baron plans an attack on both nations' navies, knowing they will blame each other – giving him exclusive global media coverage of the resulting conflict. Spy adventure, starring Pierce Brosnan. (1997)

**THURSDAY**
**Jane Doe: The Wrong Face, Channel 5, 3.15pm**
The former government agent is called back into action after kidnappers abduct a district attorney's wife during plastic surgery – meaning nobody knows what the victim now looks like. The criminals demand the release of the defendant in a money-laundering trial, but the accused denies all knowledge of the crime. Thriller, starring Lea Thompson and Jessy Schram. (2005)

**FRIDAY**
**The World Is Not Enough, ITV, 10.35pm**
James Bond is assigned to protect the heiress of an oil dynasty after her father is killed in a bombing at MI6 headquarters. The attack is the work of an infamous terrorist who is unable to feel pain after surviving a gunshot to his head, and who now intends to destroy the world's supply of oil. Spy adventure, starring Pierce Brosnan, Robert Carlyle, Sophie Marceau and Robbie Coltrane. (1999)

## Pick of the Week

# Make a note to tune in to tonight's contest

Blue, Engelbert Humperdinck, Bonnie Tyler – over the last few years, the UK has sent some pretty big names to Eurovision. And let's be honest, the results have been underwhelming.

So, this year it seems the powers-that-be have taken a different approach, and picked a rising star instead, in the form of Molly and her song Children of the Universe.

Not that the singer, whose full name is Molly Smitten-Downes, is a total novice when it comes to performing in musical competitions. In 2012, she picked up the Best Urban/Pop Act prize at Live and Unsigned, and in 2013 won Best Song at the Best of British Unsigned Music Awards.

However, she admits Eurovision is in a slightly different league.

She says: "Oh, hands down it is the biggest audience I'll ever have performed in front of – I don't think it really gets much bigger as a platform, performing to so many people across a whole continent.

"The biggest audience I've ever performed to would probably be a festival size – about 25,000 people – so with regard to the arena, I've done bigger, but with regard to the 180 million watching at home… it's almost impossible to get my head round that!

But she's trying not to let it faze her. "I suppose there is a positive sort of pressure as the first of a new kind of artist being chosen to represent the UK. This contest can be such a great platform for a new artist, it would be great if it came to be seen as a positive opportunity in the future. There is pressure, but nothing that isn't healthy."

In fact, she's hoping that she can even change the way a few people think about the contest.

"There is a stigma around Eurovision, it would be foolish not to realise that, but there are great acts that come through the contest – like [2012 Swedish winner] Loreen – and at heart it's a songwriters' competition, so you're always going to get some genuinely great music in the mix.

"That's what I'm doing it for – I'd like to have a career as a songwriter and where else am I going to get an opportunity for 180 million people to hear my work? How do you top that?"

In fact, she's so excited about the competition, it seems she's not even listening to the cynics who claim that it doesn't matter who the UK send because no one will vote for us anyway,

"This is all new to me, but I'd like to think that if the competition is based on the song, and if the people of Europe think my song is the best, then yes – I definitely think we can do well."

But as she takes the stage in Copenhagen, Denmark, the competition is going to be tough, especially when she's up against the host nation's Basim, German trio Elaiza, France's Twin Twin, and Spain's Ruth Lorenzo, who British viewers may recognise from The X Factor.

Although the most eye-catching entrant may be Austria's bearded drag artist Conchita Wurst, who should definitely give commentator Graham Norton something to talk about…

Molly is performing in Eurovision Song Contest 2014, Saturday, BBC1, 8pm

## Best of the Rest

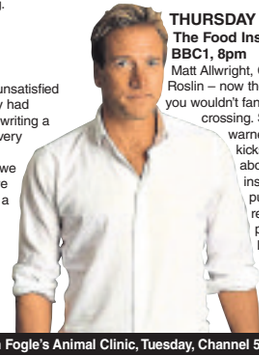
**MONDAY**
**The Greatest Ever War Movies**
**Channel 5, 9pm**
Back in May 2005, Channel 4 broadcast a two-part rundown of the 100 best war films ever made, as voted for by viewers. In the nine years since then, a few more movies have been made in the genre that could be added to it, but it's hard to imagine that this list will be much different. Those in the know at Channel 5 are keeping quiet about which films come where in the chart, but if the likes of The Dam Busters, Apocalypse Now, The Great Escape and Saving Private Ryan don't crop up, we'll eat our berets. And if the likes of Where Eagles Dare and The Bridge on the River Kwai are missing, Channel 5 will have a battle with many an armchair critic on their hands.

**Copacabana Palace**
**BBC2, 9pm**
When you read the title of this programme, don't tell us that the lyrics of Barry Manilow's famous song didn't run through your head, because we won't believe you. But did you know that the tune was inspired by a conversation Manilow had with writer Bruce Sussman during a stay at the Copacabana Hotel in Rio de Janeiro? It opened in August 1923 and in the years since has featured in the 1933 film Flying Down to Rio, and has also provided luxurious rooms for such famous names as Madonna, Michael Jackson, Marilyn Monroe, Orson Welles, Diana, Princess of Wales, Elton John, Pavarotti and Justin Bieber. This documentary charts three months in the hotel's life, following its staff and guests. David Morrissey narrates.

**TUESDAY**
**Ben Fogle's Animal Clinic**
**Channel 5, 8pm**
Adventurer Ben Fogle must have learned how to deal with his itchy feet by now after years of globetrotting, but there's one thing sure to keep Ben in one place for a longer stint of time – his love of animals. So for this new series, he's setting up camp at the University of Liverpool's Leahurst campus, which is home to one of the UK's top veterinary colleges. In this first episode, staff treat a horse called Polo who is at serious risk of dying from colic, and in the small animal clinic, Paolo Silvestrini treats a rescue kitten that can't stop sneezing.

**WEDNESDAY**
**Watchdog**
**BBC1, 8pm**
Once upon a time, people who were unsatisfied with the level of customer service they had received usually had to make do with writing a strongly worded letter. Now, they can very publicly vent their frustration all over social media and review sites. So, do we still need Watchdog? Well, it seems we do, as the consumer show is back for a new series. Not only can Anne Robinson, Matt Allwright and Chris Hollins fight our corner, but they can also expose rogue traders and warn us who to look out for. In the first episode, they turn their attention to a major car manufacturer that has been accused of being dishonest about safety testing.

**Billy Connolly's Big Send Off**
**ITV, 9pm**
The comedian concludes his journey exploring attitudes toward death and dying. In his native Glasgow, he visits the Necropolis Cemetery, a Victorian burial ground full of striking gravestones and grand monuments to the dead. He then travels to the Anatomy Laboratory in the University of California as he explores what happens when bodies are donated to medical science. Finally, Billy gains a personal insight into death from a dying man who has embraced his fate and forgiven himself for his former sins


Ben Fogle's Animal Clinic, Tuesday, Channel 5, 8pm

**THURSDAY**
**The Food Inspectors**
**BBC1, 8pm**
Matt Allwright, Chris Hollins and Gaby Roslin – now there's a tough-talking trio you wouldn't fancy your chances crossing. So food outlets be warned – as this new series kicks off, they're out and about with the food inspectors to protect the public from unhygienic restaurants and potentially harmful food. In this first instalment, Matt investigates how clean supermarkets really are by sending an undercover team to 10 London stores to test for levels of bacteria. Meanwhile, Gaby and Chris discover what's in ice-cream as they investigate the difference between soft scoop and dairy, and learn how to make both before offering them to schoolchildren for a taste test.

**FRIDAY**
**Weekend Escapes with Warwick Davis**
**ITV, 8pm**
It's the last in the series, and the Davis family are finishing off their tour in Lancashire, beginning with a trip to the Blackpool Tower Ballroom. Regular viewers of Coronation Street and Strictly Come Dancing will know that this is a place where dreams are made, but Warwick's son Harrison initially seems unsure as his family try to coax him onto the dance floor. Their next destination is the seaside resort's famous illuminations, and Warwick has the honour of switching on the lights – but he's glad he's not taking responsibility for the electricity bill. .

**MasterChef: The Finals**
**BBC1, 8.30pm**
Eight weeks ago, the distinctive husky tones of India Fisher marked the start of another series of MasterChef. Since then, 57 of the original 60 amateur cooks have fallen by the wayside, leaving tonight's trio battling it out to succeed last year's victor Natalie Coleman as champion. All that stands between them and the title are three courses of perfect grub, so they'll be pulling out all the stops to impress judges John Torode and Gregg Wallace with spicy starters, mouth-watering mains and delicious desserts

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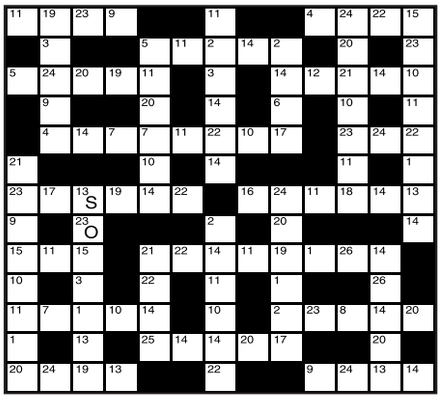

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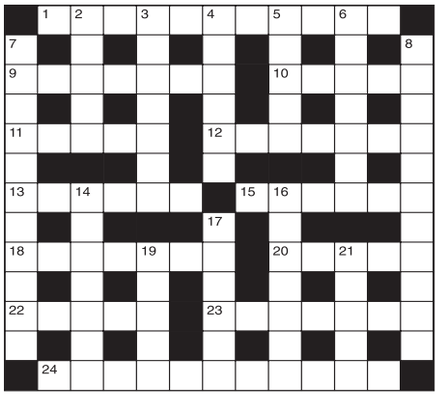
## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



### Cryptic Clues:

**Across**

1. Didn't succeed in crossing the ice? (4,7)
9. Lets hit out at a symbol of Scotland (7)
10. Engagement ring from one who will care, naturally! (5)
11. Such zest is nothing more than wind! (5)
12. His choice will get cross (7)
13. Feel in form, like a cat (6)
15. Five have a good look round, but go hungry (6)
18. Supervise the making of some plain spectacles (7)
20. Pole on the run (5)
22. I get shot about in the lift (5)
23. It has wings and flies (7)
24. You can get away with it! (6,5)

**Down**

2. Gives out the wrong times (5)
3. Drop in disappointment (3-4)
4. Carried out shoe repairs as listed (6)
5. Give people your address? (5)
6. Bigger and better (7)
7. Dramatic attack of nerves (5,6)
8. It's fine when we get it! (4,7)
14. A fool tells fibs about girls (7)
16. One of the main dangers of war (7)
17. Representation of astute formation (6)
19. More for the bit player (5)
21. Just the group to play an eightsome reel? (5)

### Quick Clues:

**Across**

1. Surroundings (11)
9. Distinguished (7)
10. Rascal (5)
11. Bring to bear (5)
12. Coagulate (7)
13. Interment (6)
15. Reviewer (6)
18. Increase (7)
20. Talisman (5)
22. Punctuation mark (5)
23. England, Scotland and Wales (7)
24. Previous history (11)

**Down**

2. Sound (5)
3. Sloth (7)
4. Light science (6)
5. Imbecile (5)
6. Disregard (7)
7. Similarity (11)
8. Substitute (11)
14. Diet (7)
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21. Fit (5)

## Sudoku

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Fairness; 5 Diva; 9 Lamp; 10 Calendar; 11 Lyric; 12 Lariats; 13 Statisticians; 18 Stamp out; 19 Here; 20 Erosion; 21 Orbit; 22 Toys; 23 Prestige. Down: 2 Analyst; 3 Reprint; 4 Scarlet-runner; 6 Indiana; 7 Arrests; 8 Metric; 13 Suspect; 14 Anatomy; 15 Impair; 16 Inherit; 17 Nursing. QUICK - Across: 1 Athletic; 5 Owns; 9 Brag; 10 Adhesive; 11 Hasty; 12 Sleeper; 13 Sooner or later; 18 Restrain; 19 Vice; 20 Chianti; 21 Droop; 22 Nigh; 23 Answered. Down: 2 Tornado; 3 Lighten; 4 Indisposition; 6 Whippet; 7 Shearer; 8 Reveal; 13 Saracen; 14 Ousting; 15 Errand; 16 Adverse; 17 Enclose.


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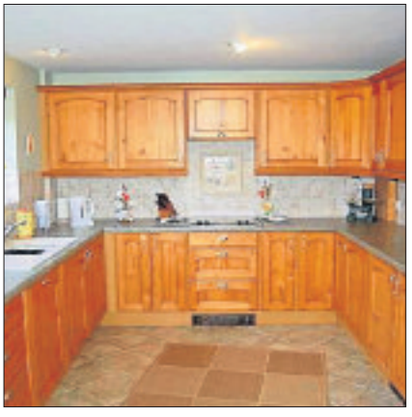

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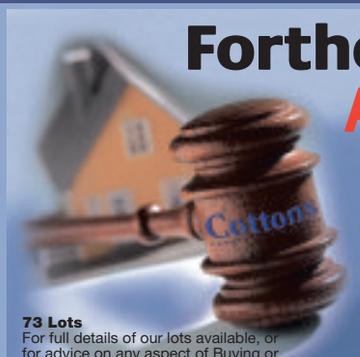

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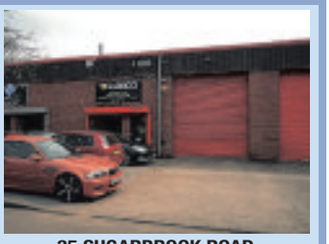

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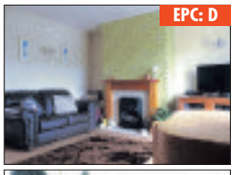

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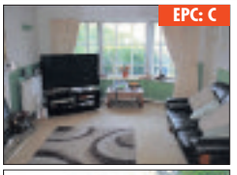

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- Three bedrooms and fully tiled bathroom
- Hall, two reception rooms and kitchen
- Downstairs cloakroom & verandah
- Side garage
- Off-street parking for two/three cars
- Ideal family home

OFFERS BASED ON £144,950

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30 SANDFIELDS ROAD, OLDBURY

- Freehold detached property
- Gas centrally heated
- Virtually PVC double glazed throughout
- Three bedrooms and fully tiled refitted bathroom
- Two reception rooms
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Kitchen and Conservatory
- Delightful well maintained garden
- Off-street parking for three cars
- Detached double garage
- INTERNAL INSPECTION A MUST
- ENERGY RATING : F

OFFERS BASED ON £179,950

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41 SUNNYBANK ROAD, OLDBURY

First floor flat close to the Holly Bush
Storage heating
Double glazed
Shower room
Spacious lounge
Two bedrooms
Communal gardens
No service charge

OFFERS BASED ON £69,950

Viewings Bearwood Office

122 HARBORNE ROAD, WARLEY

- Directly overlooking Warley Woods
- Substantial detached property
- Gas centrally heated
- Virtually double glazed throughout
- FIVE bedrooms, master bedroom having en-suite shower and walk-in wardrobe
- Family bathroom with Jacuzzi bath
- Lounge and dining room
- Conservatory
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Side garage and off-street parking

OFFERS BASED ON 440,000

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15 PERRY COURT, OLDBURY

- Ground floor warden controlled flat
- Electric storage heating
- Double glazing
- Spacious lounge and kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Allocated parking and communal gardens
- Designated for over 60s (55+ with a disability)
- ENERGY RATING : C

OFFERS BASED ON £64,950

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19 PERRY COURT, OLDBURY

- First floor flat off main Hagley Road West
- Electric storage heating and double glazed
- Two bedrooms
- Spacious lounge
- Allocated parking and communal gardens
- Designated for over 60s (55+ with a disability)
- Warden controlled accommodation
- ENERGY RATING : C

OFFERS BASED ON £58,000 ALL

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18 POPLAR ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Fully tiled bathroom
- Deceptively spacious accommodation
- ENERGY RATING : E

OFFERS BASED ON £149,950

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310 GILLOTT ROAD, EDGBASTON

- Substantial semi-detached residence
- Centrally heated and double glazed
- Ideal investment opportunity
- FIVE self-contained flats
- Easy access Birmingham city centre
- EPC Rating D/E
- INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

OFFERS BASED ON £249,500

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108 WILLOW AVENUE, EDGBASTON

- Most carefully maintained spacious family accommodation
- Four bedrooms and bathroom to first floor
- Through hall, dining room, attractive lounge, fitted kitchen, cloakroom/WC & laundry/utility room
- Established good size garden with separate garage
- Gas centrally heated and double glazed
- Easy reach Birmingham city centre
- ENERGY RATING : E

OFFERS BASED ON £195,000

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65 UPPER ST. MARYS ROAD,

- End terraced property close Warley Woods and Lightwoods Park
- Gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom with individual shower compartment
- Dining room and lounge
- Easy access to Birmingham city centre
- ENERGY RATING : E

OFFERS BASED ON £142,500

Viewings Bearwood Office

PUBLIC AUCTION
AT
THIMBLEMILL RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE
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SMETHWICK. B67 6NR
ON
WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY 2014
AT 6.30PM

| | | Anticipated Price Range |
|---|---|---|
| Lot 1: | 33 APOLLO ROAD, OLDBURY B68 9RT<br>Freehold 3 bedroomed mid terraced in need of refurbishment | £ 60 - 65,000 |
| Lot 2: | 43 CHESHIRE ROAD, SMETHWICK B67 6DN<br>Freehold terraced centrally heated 2 bedroomed villa, needing improvement | £ circa 75,000 |
| Lot 3: | 5 LEE GARDENS, SMETHWICK B67 7HP<br>Freehold double glazed and centrally heated 3 bedroomed semi-detached | £ 87,500 - 90.000 |
| Lot 4: | 13 MILTON ROAD, SMETHWICK B67 7HT<br>Freehold centrally heated town house with 2 bedrooms | £ 80 – 85,000 |
| Lot 5: | 40 ASHWOOD CLOSE, OLDBURY B69 4SD<br>Modern 1 bedroomed double glazed second floor flat | £ 50 - 55,000 |
| Lot 6: | 76 BIRMINGHAM ROAD, DUDLEY DY1 4RF<br>Freehold 3 bedroomed end terraced with garage space | £ 70 - 80,000 |
| Lot 7: | 21 GARRATT CLOSE, OLDBURY B68 9NU<br>Modern ground floor double glazed 1 bedroomed maisonette | £ 60 - 70,000 |
| Lot 8: | 31 EDWARD ROAD, SMETHWICK B67 6EP<br>Freehold 2 bedroomed end terraced, centrally heated and double glazed but needing general further upgrading | £ 80 - 85,000 |
| Lot 9: | 26 BROADMEDE HOUSE, SMETHWICK B67 6LB<br>2 bedroomed centrally heated and double glazed self-contained flat | £ circa 65,000 |
| Lot 10: | "STRATTON HOUSE", HIGH STREET, SMETHWICK B66 3PD<br>Impressive freehold double fronted detached gentleman's residence with 7 bedrooms | £ 240 - 250,000 |
| Lot 11: | BUILDING LAND, 38 BIRMINGHAM ROAD, OLDBURY. B69 4EE<br>Freehold building plot with planning permission | £ 50 - 60,000 |
| Lot 12 | 27 HIGHFIELD ROAD, SMETHWICK B67 6AP<br>Freehold 3 bedroomed terraced in need of complete modernisation | £ 55 - 60,000 |
| Lot 13: | 1 STATION AVENUE, EDGBASTON B16 9SZ<br>Freehold 2 bedroomed double glazed and centrally heated double fronted end terraced | £ 140 - 150,000 |
| Lot 14: | 23 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, OLDBURY B68 0NH<br>Traditional 3 bedroomed centrally heated semi-detached needing modernisation | £ 75 - 85,000 |

49 HOLLY LANE, SMETHWICK

- Gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- Three bedrooms
- Fully tiled bathroom
- Hallway with original minton tiled floor
- Two reception rooms
- Off-street parking
- ENERGY RATING : D

OFFERS BASED ON £139,950

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106 HAGLEY ROAD WEST, OLDBURY

- Exceptionally convenient location with easy access to Birmingham city centre
- Centrally heated, double glazed and alarmed
- Lightwoods Park and Warley Woods within easy reach
- Two double bedrooms & bathroom with shower
- Two pleasant reception rooms & refitted kitchen
- Ideal first time purchasers
- ENERGY RATING : D

OFFERS BASED ON £119,500

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99 WARLEY ROAD, OLDBURY

- Double fronted semi-detached
- Gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- Four bedrooms
- Spacious lounge & Sitting/dining room
- Superbly presented refitted kitchen
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Neatly laid out gardens to front and rear

INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED

OFFERS BASED ON £159,500

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148 HALES LANE, SMETHWICK

- Gas central heating and PVC double glazing
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Hall, spacious lounge & kitchen/ breakfast room
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Neatly laid out gardens to front and rear
- Ideal family home

OFFERS BASED ON £134,950

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14 LITTLEMOOR HILL, SMETHWICK

- Substantial freehold semi-detached property
- Currently divided into student accommodation
- Ideal for use as a family home
- Centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- Four bedrooms and shower room
- Lounge, dining room, morning room and kitchen
- Off-street parking
- INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED
- ENERGY RATING : E

OFFERS BASED ON £170000

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4 DALE STREET, BEARWOOD

- Gas centrally heated
- Two double bedrooms and bathroom
- Hall, lounge, dining room and kitchen
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Ideal FTBs
- ENERGY RATING : E

OFFERS BASED ON 97,500

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ROTTON PARK ROAD, EDGBASTON

- Spacious family accommodation
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Internal inspection to be appreciated
- ENERGY RATING : E

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### HOLLYHEDGE ROAD, B71 3AA

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- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Garage And Driveway
- Freehold

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### SHAW ROAD, DY4 7QA

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- An End Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Central Heating
- Off Road Parking
- No Upward Chain, Freehold

**£114,950**

### SAMS LANE, B70 7EG

NEW

- A Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Double Glazing And Central Heating
- Freehold

**£104,950**

### WESTBOURNE ROAD , B70 8LD

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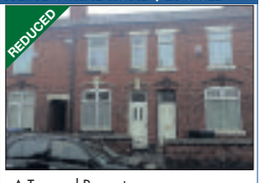

- A Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two reception Rooms
- Central Heating & Double Glazed
- EPC RATING D, Freehold

**£95,000**

### ANDREW ROAD, B71 3QP

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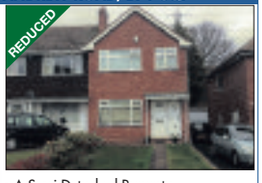
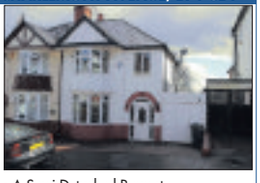


- A Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Open Plan Lounge
- EPC RATING D

**£124,950**

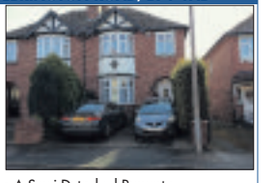
### CHARLEMONT AVENUE, B71 3BY



- A Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms
- EPC RATING D, Freehold

**£189,950**

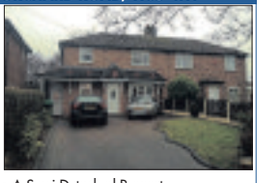
### EBRINGTON ROAD, B71 1AB



- A Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Central Heating & Double Glazed
- EPC RATING D, Freehold

**£149,950**

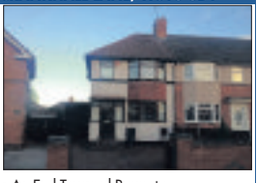
### ORCHARD ROAD, WS5 4HY



- A Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Central Heating
- EPC RATING D

**£144,950**

### CRANKHALL LANE, WS10 0DY



- An End Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Central Heating
- EPC RATING E

**£99,950**

### HOLLYHEDGE ROAD, B71 3AA

- A Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking, Freehold
- EPC RATING E

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- A Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Two Reception Rooms
- EPC RATING D, Freehold

**£179,950**

### CHERRY TREE AVENUE, WS5 4JL

- A Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Central Heating, Freehold
- EPC RATING D

**£145,000**

### SHELDON ROAD, B71 3DD

- A Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Majority Double Glazed
- EPC RATING D

**£129,950**

### CASTLE STREET, DY4 8BF

NEW

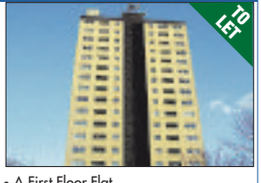
TO LET

- Two Bedrooms
- Apartment
- Credit Checks Required
- £600 Deposit
- Available To View Now

**£600 PCM £600 DEPOSIT**

### BEACONVIEW ROAD, B71 3PG

TO LET



- A First Floor Flat
- Two Bedrooms
- Six Months Tenancy Agreement
- Credit/Reference Checks Required
- Available Now

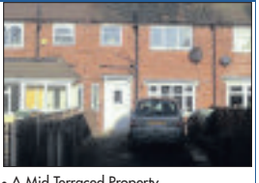
**£375 PCM £375 DEPOSIT**

### WHITEGREAVE STREET, B70 9BB

- A Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Double Glazing & Central Heating
- Off Road Parking & Rear Garden
- EPC RATING F

**£124,950**

### BASSETT ROAD, WS10 0HH



- A Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Majority Double Glazing
- Central Heating
- EPC RATING D, Freehold

**£94,950**

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- Three Bedrooms
- Guest W/C
- Master with En-Suite
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- SORRY NO DHSS

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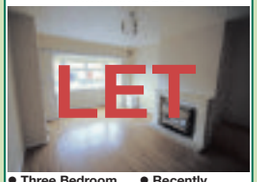


- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Large Garden
- Down Stairs Bathroom
- Recently Decorated
- SORRY NO DHSS

£495 pcm

## Tipton
ANDREW ROAD

- Three Bedroom House
- End Of Terrace
- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- SORRY NO DHSS

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- Second Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Double Glazing
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- 2nd Floor Apartment
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- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Double Glazing
- Fitted KItchen
- Electric Heating
- SORRY NO DHSS

£475 PCM

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- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Allocated Parking
- Electric Heating
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- SORRY NO DHSS

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- Two Bedroom Mid Terraced
- Large Rear Garden
- Front And Rear Access
- Fitted Kitchen
- SORRY NO DHSS

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## Wednesbury
BEECH ROAD

- Three Bedrooms Semi Detached
- Gas Central Heating
- Off Road Parking
- Cul De Sac Location
- SORRY NO DHSS

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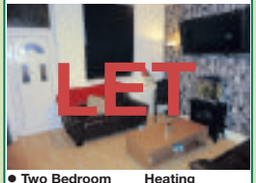
## Darlaston
CASTLE STREET




- Two Bedroom End Terrace
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Utility Room
- DHSS ACCEPTED

£450 pcm

## Tipton
MIDDLE MEADOW

- Two Bedroom First Floor Apartment
- Allocated Parking
- NEW CARPETS
- FITTED THROUGH OUT
- Gas central Heating
- SORRY NO DHSS

£450 pcm

## Darlaston
PEEL CLOSE

- Two Bedroom Mid Terraced
- Private Garden
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating
- SORRY NO DHSS

£450

## West Bromwhich
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- One Bedroom
- Entrance Hallway
- Lounge
- Designated Parking
- SORRY NO DHSS

£425 pcm

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- One Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Family Bathroom
- SORRY NO DHSS

£ 425 pcm

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- Two Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Underground Parking
- DHSS ACCEPTED

£400 PCM

## Tipton
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- Central Location
- Gas central Heating
- Off Road Parking
- SORRY NO DHSS

£375 pcm

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TROUSE LANE

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- Good Size Living Room
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Dhss Accepted

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- Period Features
- Two Double Bedroom
- Modern Style Bathroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- EP Rating D

**Offers in the region of £92,500**

NEW

**Merrivale Road, Bearwood**
- A Charming Mid Terrace Property
- A Useful Utility
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Delightful Rear Garden
- A Through Lounge
- EP Rating TBC

**Offers in the region of £123,000**

**Westmead Drive, Oldbury**
- Well Presented Semi-Detached
- Off Road Parking
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Delightful rear garden
- Superb Dining Kitchen
- EP Rating F

**Offers in the region of £144,950**

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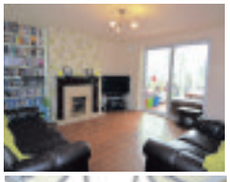
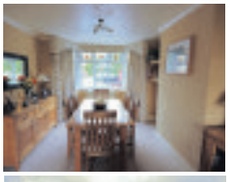


**Bell End, Rowley Regis**
- Well Presented Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Delightful Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking
- EP Rating D

**Offers in the region of £114,950**



**Perry Hill Road, Oldbury**
- A Most Attractive Semi
- Five Bedrooms
- Open Plan Dining Kitchen
- Double Glazed Conservatory
- En Suite to Master Bedroom
- EP Rating D

**Offers in the region of £269,950**

NEW

**Waterside Court, St Vincent Street**
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- Two Double Bedrooms
- Superb Views Across The Birmingham Canal
- Bathroom And En Suite Shower Room
- Situated An A Much Desirable Location
- EP Rating TBC

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**David House, Harborne**
- A Most Attractive Ground Floor Apartment,
- Shower Room
- Two double bedrooms
- Detached Garage
- Modern Bathroom
- EP Rating D

**Offers in the region of £139,950**

**Lodge Road, Smethwick**
- Delightful Semi Detached
- Abundance Of Period Features
- Three Bedrooms
- No Upward Chain
- Two Reception Rooms
- EP Rating F

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**Offers in the region of £124,950**

NEW

**OLDBURY**

**FARM ROAD**
Spacious terraced property having been fully refurbished in the last two years. Front sitting room, lobby, understairs storage, dining kitchen, rear lobby, utility, downstairs toilet, two bedrooms, bathroom. Private established rear garden. EPC Rating D
**Offers in the region of £99,950**

NEW

**SMETHWICK**

**ARDEN ROAD**
An inner terraced property requiring modernisation and refurbishment. Shallow front garden,vestibule entrance to hallway, two reception rooms, Galley style kitchen, lobby, shower room, three bedrooms and W.C., double glazing, part central heating, enclosed yard and garden to the rear. EPC Rating D
**Price: £84,950**

**OLDBURY**

**WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD**
Traditional detached family residence. Porch, reception hall, utility room, breakfast kitchen, cloakroom, sitting room, lounge, four bedrooms, bathroom, central heating, double glazing, off road parking, cellar and established rear garden. EPC Rating E
**Offers in the region of £349,950**

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An individually built detached family residence offering good sized accommodation. Entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, study/office, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, utility, four bedrooms, ensuite shower, family bathroom, airing cupboard. Off parking and established gardens. EPC Rating C
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**OLDBURY**

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**Princess Way, Wednesbury £135,000** (NEW)

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**Beech Road, Wednesbury £115,000** (NEW)

BENEFITING FROM NO UPWARD CHAIN a three bedroom semi-detached property briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) lounge, fitted kitchen, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, enclosed rear garden, drive-way providing off road parking.EPC Rating TBA

**Heathfield Lane West, Darlaston £115,000** (NEW)

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**Margaret Road, Darlaston £100,000** (NEW)

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**Cinder Way, Wednesbury £78,000** (NEW)

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**Manifold Way OIEO, Wednesbury £69,950**

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**Horsecroft Drive, West Bromwich £189,950** (NEW)

An immaculate 4 bedroom semi detached property,located within a sought after area of West Bromwich,offering ensuite to master bedroom,lounge,area,dining area,conservatory,large kitchen/diner,garage,-double glazing, central heating (where specified) and off road parking EPC RATING TBC

**Hodgkiss Close, Wednesbury £225,000**

A modern style four bedroom detached property briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) lounge, separate dining room, fitted breakfast kitchen, utility, master bedroom with en-suite, enclosed rear garden, block paved driveway. No upward chain. EPC Rating C

**Farmer Way, Tipton £130,000** (REDUCED)

Early inspection advised to appreciate this three bedroom semi-detached property on the Burberry Grange Estate benefiting from no upward chain briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) lounge with dining area, fitted kitchen, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden, garage and drive-way.

**Corporation Street, Wednesbury £129,950**

An extended four bedroom semi-detached property briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) through lounge, breakfast kitchen, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden, drive-way providing off road parking and garage. Energy Rating D.

**Hydes Road, Wednesbury £128,000** (REDUCED)

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**Whitgreave Street, West Bromwich £134,950** (REDUCED)

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**Brickhouse Lane, West Bromwich £99,950** (NEW)

A 3 bedroom semi detached property in need of modernisation on a corner plot position,. Offering 2 reception rooms, spacious kitchen, family bathroom, part double glazing,gas central heating (where specified),off road parking and NO UPWARD CHAIN EPC RATING TBC

**Meyrick Road, West Bromwich £120,000** (NEW)

A well presented modern 2 bedroom mid terrace property located close to Black Lake Metro Station. Offering lounge, fitted kitchen, guest cloakroom,family bathroom ensuite to master bedroom and off road parking EPC RATING TBC

**York Crescent, West Bromwich £115,000** (REDUCED)

A beautifully presented modern two bedroom mid terrace property located close to Blacklake metro station and bus links, having ensuite to master bedroom,guest cloakroom,lounge,modern fitted kitchen,double glazing and central heating (where specified),off road parking, rear garden and NO UPWARD CHAIN EPC RATING B

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# Retailers scoop top award

**The teams at local Black Country dealerships, Dudley Motor Company, T Wall Kingswinford, Halesowen Motor House and Stourbridge Motor House are celebrating this month after scooping the award for 'Vauxhall's No1' in their car market area for 2013.**

The retailers were recognised by Vauxhall as one of the top performing dealerships in the West Midlands, and general managers Rob Gilbert (Dudley Motor Company) and Kevin Leaver (T Wall Kingswinford), were presented with the award last month by Vauxhall regional manager, Mike Fleetwood.

Rob comments: "We are extremely proud to receive this award – we couldn't have achieved this without the hard work and enthusiasm of our team here and on the other sites, so I would just like to say a huge thank you to each and every one of them for their dedication.

"To us, customer experience is very important and so we always want to make sure that all new or returning customers are able to approach any member of the team and are well looked after.

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# Marking 30th anniversary of popular SEAT Ibiza

By Sharon Walters

**This week it is 30 years since the very first Ibiza rolled off the production line in SEAT's Zona Franca factory.**

Since that day, the Ibiza has remained SEAT's most iconic and popular car, with sales approaching five million across three decades and four generations.

The car was a game-changer for SEAT, the first designed and developed completely by the Spanish company from start to finish – with a little help from some friends. Namely, collaborations with Giorgetto Giugiaro's Italdesign design company, coachbuilder Karmann, and Porsche helped make the Ibiza a truly cutting-edge small car, and the foundation of 30 years of ongoing success.

The very embodiment of the Spain of the '80s, the first SEAT Ibiza was ambitious, dynamic and ground-breaking. Its name, taken from the Mediterranean island, reinforced the exotic image given to it by virtue of its Spanish roots.

The backdrop chosen for the world première of the SEAT Ibiza was the prestigious Paris Motor Show in 1984, and from then on the car has gone from strength to strength, achieving success both in its domestic market and abroad, with almost seven of every ten produced exported; 69 per cent of 5,000,000 total Ibiza production has been exported to more than 75 countries worldwide.

The most important markets for the Ibiza during the early years were Italy, France, Germany, United Kingdom, Portugal and Mexico, in addition to Spain.

SEAT will celebrate this resounding and continued success with the launch of a 30th anniversary model, set to go on sale in June.

SEAT ended the '80s with production and sales records, and became a member of the Volkswagen Group. Until 1993 the brand's activity had been concentrated in the Barcelona Zona Franca, but its membership of a new group, the success of its new models, and the need to increase production meant that a new industrial production complex was required. SEAT would be provided with a new modern factory next to its technical centre in Martorell, opened in 1991.

The second-generation Ibiza would be the first vehicle built at SEAT's new Martorell production facility. More than that, the establishment of the new factory would give rise to the creation of a suppliers' industrial estate, which at that time comprised 20 companies.

Today Martorell remains one of the most modern and flexible factories in Europe, its international standing attested to when SEAT received the 'Automotive Lean Production' award. Almost 700 Ibiza vehicles are built every day on Martorell's Line 1, employing around 1,600 people directly; all told, SEAT generates direct and indirect employment for approximately 70,000 families.

## Distinguished

The Ibiza is 100 per cent SEAT, since it was the first vehicle designed and developed in its entirety by the company. Design has always formed part of the Spanish brand's DNA, and in the case of the Ibiza the four generations have borne the hallmark of distinguished names in the field of automotive design.

For the first generation of the Ibiza (1984-1993), SEAT collaborated with Italdesign, the company of world famous Italian designer Giorgetto Giugiaro, with Karmann for the development of the bodywork, and Porsche for the technology of the 'System Porsche' engines.

There was a clear aesthetic leap in the second generation (1993-2002), which again bore the hallmark of Giugiaro. The lines were rounded and aerodynamic, and the car given a level of equipment and mechanical sophistication that were in those days normally only found in cars in the segments above.

Italian designer Walter de'Silva, the current head of design at the Volkswagen Group, was responsible for the outline of the third-generation Ibiza (2002-2008), which took another step forward in manufacture quality, engine range and dynamic performance. Walter de'Silva introduced more attractive aesthetics, while the car's dynamic prowess took another leap forward thanks to the 'Agile Chassis' concept developed by SEAT's technical centre in Martorell.

The current generation of the Ibiza (2008 onwards) is the work of Luc Donckerwolke, head of design at SEAT in 2008 and formerly of Lamborghini. The concept of 'Arrow Design' was introduced with the 2008 Ibiza, resulting in a car distinctively sportier than its predecessors.The first SEAT Ibiza with a clear sports calling was the SXI with a 100 PS engine, the forerunner of the current Cupra and FR versions. In 1996, the company presented the Cupra version, with a 2.0-litre 150 PS engine, offering outstanding performance and a distinctly sporty image.

The Ibiza Kit Car was a much-awaited launch, with which SEAT achieved a brilliant triumph in the FIA 2.0-litre World Rally Championships – a success that was repeated in 1997 and 1998.


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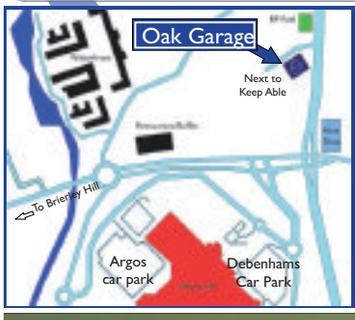


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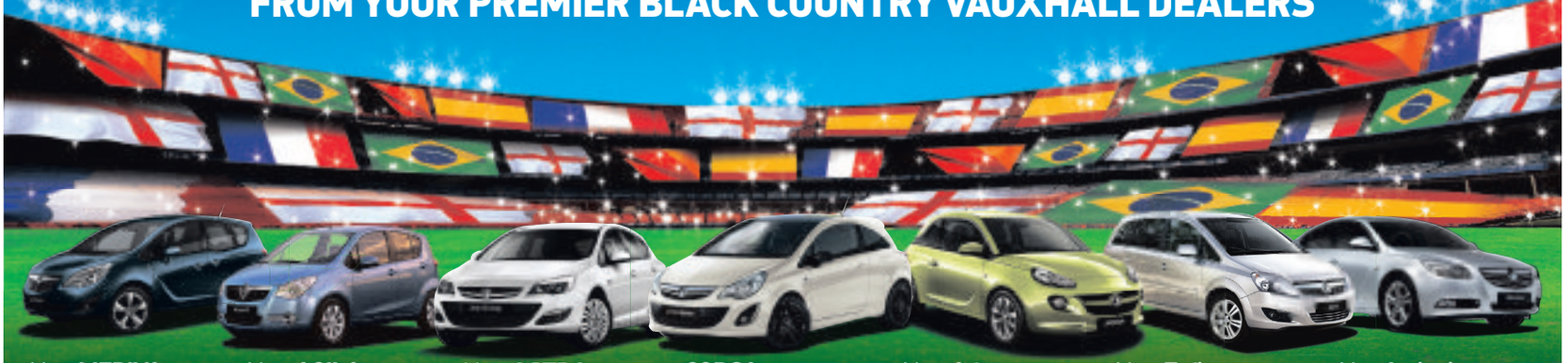

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**MR NICK BUBALO,** Area Director – Regeneration and Economy

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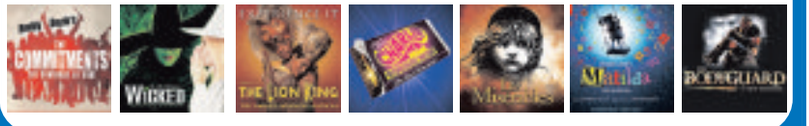


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# Fortunes mixed for The George

**Warwick & Worcester Bowls League Premier Division 1**
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THE first team went down to a narrow defeat. The scores were level after the first four, thanks mainly to a 21-10 win by Mick McGuinness.

Moseley built up a 23-shot advantage in the middle four, Steve Dicken (21-20) being the only winner for The George.

The back four tried to pull back the shots with Steve Darling (21-7) and Marc Wilson (21-15) both, winning but Moseley ran out winners by 16 shots.

**South Staffs Premier Division – No match**

**Warwick & Worcester Alliance Division 2**
**The George 241**
**Tanworth in Arden 158**

The thirds started the home campaign with an 83-shot win. Will Freeman (21-12), Bill Chiswell (21-15), Joe Arnott & Dave Hill (both 21-20) gave them a 17-shot advantage.

The middle four increased it to 38 shots, Robert Hopwood (21-6), Steve Wyton (21-11) and Liam Hickman (21-14). Wins in the back four by Dave James (21-4), Darren Wood (21-11), Lee Dicken & Paul Rose (both 21-12) completed the win.

# Weimann backing Lambert to stay

**Football**

ANDI Weimann insists Paul Lambert has "no reason" to leave Villa and called for him to stay.

The Austrian has given his support to the boss with speculation surrounding Lambert's future as chairman Randy Lerner prepares to reveal his plans.

The owner is expected to announce next week he is ready to sell the club after they secured Premier League survival with Saturday's 3-1 win over Hull.

Weimann scored twice at the weekend and doesn't see why Lambert should leave.

"There's no reason for him not to be here. It's been difficult, the last couple of months, but only for the last six games when we started losing," he said.

"Before that we were sitting in 10th so we were doing OK."

Weimann's brace took his tally to six goals this season and he admitted he had to take responsibility against Hull. Gabby Agbonlahor limped out and with Christian Benteke sidelined until next season with a serious Achilles injury Weimann was the senior striker. "They are two big players but I thought to myself 'Gabby has gone, Christian is not here so I'm going to get the goals'," he said.

"I know I can score goals, I did it with reserves and last year. It didn't matter because I knew I could score. I got one and then another one.

"I played as a striker and I got two goals, the gaffer knows and I know that's probably my best position but I'll do a job on the right or the left for the team."

Villa finish the campaign at Tottenham on Sunday still in with a chance of clinching 11th. They currently sit 14th and Weimann said they can go into the final two games pressure-free.

"It's brilliant. Everyone knew we needed a win and everyone stepped up and we got the three points," he said.

"As soon as we lost against Swansea (4-1) Hull was the game to win because the last two games are not easy games for us. We needed the three points and we stepped up and performed well."

And Weimann insisted there was determination and a resolve from the squad to avoid another season of struggle.

# Striker steps up as Villa are secure

**Villa 3 Hull City 1**

ASTON Villa's survival crisis is over for another season and in truth it proved to be one borne of panic more than peril.

Paul Lambert's team clawed their way out of trouble with Saturday's comfortable win over FA Cup finalists Hull City, the perfect visitors for an uneasy Villa.

Andreas Weimann scored two headed goals just before half time, which left a lethargic Hull with too much to do in the face of full-bodied Villa commitment.

With Christian Benteke long gone and Gabby Agbonlahor injured – and eventually forced off – by his effort in setting up the first-minute goal, Villa needed Weimann to step up and he duly delivered with his best performance of the season.

Ashley Westwood opened the scoring and it triggered an explosive reaction from The Holte.

But that flaw in Lambert's team, their inability to dominate games, was evident as Hull equalised from a set piece by Tom Huddlestone.

Then Weimann's goals, the first after weak Hull defending and the second set up by substitute Jordan Bowery, settled the game.

# Champions undefeated now they aim for cup

**Sandwell 1 Halesowen 4**

**HALESOWEN travelled the short distance to Sandwell with only them in the way of the Yeltz being undefeated all season. Sandwell needed to win to finish runners-up.**

Sandwell kicked off and Halesowen were on good form and playing some quality football, creating several chances before drawing and first to draw blood.

**Football**

Great work by winger Lyndsey Glover found Hayley Chatwin, who headed the ball across the line from close range.

This goal spurred the home team, who had held Yeltz to a goalless draw earlier in the season.

After several attacks, a mistake in the Yeltz defence found the ball with the home side striker, who scored withSandwell's first attempt on goal.

Halesowen hit the crossbar late on in the first half and poor finishing kept it at one all until the break.

During the break manager Scott Mckee requested for more of the same from theHalesowen Ladies but with a quicker tempo.

## Chances

The Yeltz answered the call and came into their own in the second half and dominated the game.

Numerous chances fell to striker Rachel Letford but she was unable to put the finishing touches to any of them to push up the score.

Halesowen midfield of Sarah Hammil and Haley Chatwin took control of the game in the centre of the pitch and it seemed a goal was almost inevitable. It was when Chatwin turned provider with a perfect through-ball which found speedy winger Sophie Richards, who looped the ball over the keeper to provide the goal of the game.

The ball was then passed the round with some nice interplay before Letford fed the ball to Glover.

From 25 yards out she fired a high shot and the unlucky Sandwell keeper parried the ball into her own net.

Halesowen were in total control and several shots went high and wide before Letford was brought down in the area and girl of the game Glover converted the penalty.

The final whistle came to leave Halesowen undefeated champions for the second season in a row.

A fantastic achievement of which the whole club can be be proud.

Mckee said to win the league and be undefeated again was an amazing accomplishment by the squad over the long season.

The club still have the cup final on the May 16 against Rubery at Colehills Town, kick-off 7pm.

# Steely performance defuses the Bombers

Dwain Haughton of the Sandwell Steelers attempts to carry the ball out of his team's own half Picture Andy Neale

**Sandwell Steelers 19**
**Lincolnshire Bombers14**

THE Sandwell Steelers took on the Lincolnshire Bombers at Tipton Sports Academy for their second game of the BAFANL season.

Following an opening day defeat the Steelers were looking to bounce back against the Bombers. Steelers quarterback Stuart Andrew connected with receiver Dan Witter for a 60-yard touchdown pass. The extra point was missed for a 6-0 lead. In the second quarter a combination of good offence and penalties against Lincolnshire saw the Steelers on the Bombers 15-yard line.

One play later Dwain Haughton powered in for a touchdown to give the Steelers a 13-0 lead.

With only seconds left in the first half QB Culver drove the Bombers downfield to the Steelers five-yard line. Strong running from the visitors saw them open their account. A missed extra point left Lincolnshire trailing 13-6. The Steelers started the second half with a 50-yard run into the end zone by Dan Witter.

Unable to move the ball the Steelers were forced to punt on their first possession of the fourth quarter. An excellent kick from Liam Highfield pinned the Bombers back. .

This Sunday, May 11, the Steelers visit the Peterborough Saxons.

# Lambert in limbo on future

PAUL LAMBERT has admitted his Villa future is in limbo as Randy Lerner prepares to reveal his plans.

The boss is still in the dark about chairman Lerner's intentions and knows he could still face the sack in the summer.

Lerner is expected to confirm next week that he wants to sell Villa, who sealed Premier League survival with Saturday's 3-1 win over Hull.

Lambert has come under fire from fans after another season-long struggle but wants to be able to continue the job he started in 2012.

He said: "I hope I will still be manager next season, that is what I want to do," he added.

# Heathens to renew old rivalry

CRADLEY renew their rivalry with Midlenhall in the toughest of Knockout Cup ties at Wolverhampton next Tuesday, writes Nigel Pearson.

The Heathens launch the defence of their silverware after comfortably lifting the cup last season.

And fans favourite Tom Perry is backing his side to make a winning start with the return at West Row on Sunday week.

He said: "Mildenhall are a tough side with a lot of good riders.

"We'll have to be on top of our game but I'm sure we can show what we can do and get a good result.

"The meeting means a lot to the fans with the rivalry that we had in 2012."

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## Feelings mixed on return of striker

PETER Odemwingie says he expects a "mixed" reception when he returns to The Hawthorns on Sunday.

Former Albion star Odemwingie had a transfer request rejected and was famously spotted outside Loftus Road even though a deal had not been agreed with QPR.

The Nigeria international was sold to Cardiff but moved to Stoke in January and has proved a hit, scoring five goals so far.

He will return to The Hawthorns for the first time on Sunday with the Potters and believes some Albion supporters will remember the good times.

He said: "I played against West Brom at Cardiff, but this will be my first time back at The Hawthorns. It's going to be a mixed reception after my last six months there and I'm not expecting anything different.

"Some fans are grateful for the 30 goals I scored for them and some still feel offended, but it was a choice I had to make."

Stoke will make the short trip to The Hawthorns for the final game of the season in good spirits after last weekend's 4-1 victory over Fulham, in which Odemwingie opened the scoring.

A point against West Brom would set a new Stoke record points tally.

## Season 'just a shambles'

CAPTAIN Chris Brunt has branded Albion's season a "shambles" and warned they must learn lessons despite avoiding relegation from the Premier League.

The Baggies' top-flight status was effectively confirmed when Norwich failed to beat Chelsea despite Pepe Mel's side losing 1-0 at Arsenal. But skipper Brunt admitted the campaign has been shambolic and the players will be "bitterly disappointed" despite managing to survive.

The season has brought controversies involving Nicolas Anelka and Saido Berahino, the unpopular sale of Shane Long and sacking of boss Steve Clarke, a long search for his successor, concerns about Mel's methods and the sacking of Dave McDonough.

Brunt said: "On and off the field it's been a bit of a shambles."

# Mel in 'back me or sack me' ultimatum

**Football**

PEPE Mel is set to hand Jeremy Peace a 'back me or sack me' ultimatum when he meets the Albion chairman next week.

The pair are set for crunch talks to decide on Mel's future after his turbulent Hawthorns reign delivered Premier League safety.

And Mel will demand backing for his ambitious plans to rebuild the Baggies team before committing for next season – a proposal certain to require significant spending on transfers and wages.

Mel signed an 18-month contract when he replaced Steve Clarke in January but revealed last week the deal includes a get-out clause in the summer. Now he wants Peace's total backing before committing to stay.

He said: "Twenty-30 days ago I was told I would be having a meeting after Stoke and that is the only information I have. But obviously the No.1 goal is not to be fighting relegation. We need to be very clear about how we want to move forward in the future, we don't want to improvise.

"We need to have a clear strategy of how to move forward in the future. I want to listen to the board and chairman about their plans. We cannot arrive at the end of next season with the fear of relegation. We need to be looking higher than that and in order to do that we need to put a very strong team together."

Mel is reportedly attracting interest from La Liga club Malaga, who could offer him a return to Spain. But he insists he will not consider other offers until he has resolved his future with Albion. He said: "There are many reasons why I want to stay. The club has shown me we have the possibility we can work together and the fans have shown they have taken to me.

"The maximum respect I owe to West Brom is to speak to them first. Until I have spoken to West Brom no other clubs exist to me.

"The first thing I need to resolve is many players are finishing their contracts here. Maybe the club has different ideas from my own ideas.

"If we want to be an ambitious club and not be in danger next season. We need to have a plan for the future and have a very strong side for next year."

# ESCAPE BUT NOT GREAT FOR ALBION

**Arsenal 1 Albion 0**

**IT was a fitting way for Albion's survival fight to conclude. They came up short, their fans stuck with them and other teams did the job for them.**

With their team coach on the M1 home from the Emirates Stadium, Albion completed their escape. But there was nothing great about it.

**Football**

The display summed up an insipid season of under-achievement.

They avoided humiliation at the hands of an in-form Arsenal side and then watched their Premier League futures effectively secured for next season as Norwich failed in their unlikely bid to topple Chelsea at Stamford Bridge.

Yet the manner of their defeat in north London said much about the way Albion have limped across the line and had another top-flight campaign handed to them.

### Talented

Losing 1-0 at the Emirates is hardly a reason to castigate Pepe Mel and his players. The Gunners have a hugely talented squad capable of taking visitors apart on home soil.

Yet Arsene Wenger's men were hardly made to work for a routinvictory.

The win was set up in the 14th minute when Olivier Giroud headed the Gunners ahead and it rarely looked in doubt despite a second-half display from Albion that had Mel claiming, rather optimistically, that his team had done enough to earn a share of spoils.

On another day, perhaps, one of the half-chances that fell their way after the break might have turned into a goal and taken them to 37 points.

In reality, however, they never forced the Gunners to display the full extent of their talents as Wenger's men strolled to victory in second and third gear.

Only periodically did the Baggies make life uncomfortable for their hosts in possession and even rarer were genuine moments of penetration.

It was a day with occasional reasons for hope but one which ultimately saw them fall short of what was required. And so, it was much like their season.

There were moments of mild excitement in the first half and a goal for Arsenal of which the Baggies will not be proud.

But for the most part if felt like a testimonial; a clash between a Gunners side who knew they were secure in the top four and an Albion outfit who fully expected Chelsea to do them a favour by beating Norwich later in the day.

The ultimate punishment has been avoided, but with little pride and precious few

West Bromwich Albion's Diego Lugano heads at goal but to no avail in his team's defeat to Arsenal

## FA is in talks on B teams

THE FA are to discuss radical proposals for a new competition which would see Premier League and Championship clubs field B teams.

It has been suggested the teams could play in a league sandwiched between League Two and the Conference, while another option is to merge League Two and the Conference with the B teams to form two regional leagues.

The proposals are part of FA chairman Greg Dyke's commission on the future of the national team and are set to be discussed this week. It is understood Premier League and Football League clubs are broadly in favour of the B team concept, which would be predominantly made up of home-grown players, but have reservations about how it might fit into the pyramid and the knock-on effects to other leagues and competitions.

One question is whether current League Two clubs would be relegated into the Conference or the new B team league if they went down. The other difficult issue is how far B teams could be promoted.

## Friendlies for Smith's squad

THE Saddlers have confirmed two more pre-season friendly fixtures – as they will twice head to Devon.

Dean Smith's men will face Calor League outfit Taunton Town on Wednesday July 16, before travelling to Torquay United – relegated from League Two this season - three days later on Saturday July 19.


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